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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Conversations of interest overheard on telephone taps at Hot Springs for period of January 14 to 21, inclusive, set forth.									
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 4, 1937.									
DETAILS: The telephone taps on numbers 123 (Police Department), 446 (Chief of Police) and 648 (Mayor's Office) continued on a twenty-four hour basis during the period covered by this report and apparently without the knowledge of the subscribers. It would appear from the conversations hereinafter quoted that Day Captain of Police Jerry Watkins, a new appointee to the Police Department, has many outside contacts some of which are questionable.									
JANUARY 14, 1937									
The following conversation apparently originated with former Day Captain of Police, Robert L. Moore:									
11:06 A.M. Incoming on #648									
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Bob Moore: This is Bob Moore - how do you want us to vote on that bond issue?
 Mayor: Well, I'm going to vote for it.

The origin of the following conversation between Chief of Police Weldon Raspberry and one Nickels is unknown. It is possible that Nickels mentioned in the conversation is Fred Nickels of the Chicago Club (a bookie) and the recommendations are with reference to the operation of the business:

7:37 P.M. Incoming on # 123

JLM

Nickels: Is Chief Raspberry there?
 Raspberry: Hello -
 Nickels: This is Nickels -
 Raspberry: Did you get a letter this evening?
 Nickels: Yes, I'm just opening it -
 Raspberry: Read it.
 Nickels: (pause) Well, well!
 Raspberry: That doesn't hurt your feelings, does it -
 Nickels: No -
 Raspberry: Think it over and let's get together, and make a recommendation to him.
 Nickels: All right - I'll see you tomorrow.

JANUARY 15, 1937

The following conversations apparently relate to the same subject matter. Conversations were heard on January 16th indicating that one James Dilliard, a patient of Dr. Fletcher, was arrested by the Police and charged with issuing a worthless check for \$225.00. Dilliard, in a conversation with a friend, stated the check was issued for a gambling debt incurred at the Keystone Bar and that they gamble in the rear of this establishment. "Ma" Proctor, mentioned in the conversation is Madam of a house of prostitution:

1:40 P.M. Incoming on # 445

GRM

Man, thought probably to be Jack Fry, owner of Keystone Bar.

Akers: Hello
 Man: Dutch, are you busy?
 Akers: I am right now.
 Man: I have a warrant for a fellow and I've got him located but I want to talk to you first.
 Akers: Can't I send a man up?
 Man: No, I want to talk to you first. I think it may mean some money to you.
 Akers: Where are you?
 Man: Up at the place.
 Akers: All right, I'll see you.

2:18 P.M. Incoming on # 123

GRM

Evans: Chief's Office.
 Akers: Let me talk to Swede -
 Watkins: Hello -
 Akers: Bring somebody with you and come up to room 215
 at the Howe Hotel -
 Watkins: All right.

4:25 P.M. Outgoing on # 444

JLM

Akers: # 98 (Keystone Bar)
 Jack Frye: Hello -
 Akers: Did you call me, Jack?
 Jack Frye: Yes, - did you find that like I told you?
 Akers: Yes, he's down here dead drunk.
 Jack Frye: Was anybody with him?
 Akers: Yeah, some pimp working for Ma Procter.
 Jack Frye: Have you got him?
 Akers: Not yet. How much does this fellow owe you?
 Jack Frye: \$225.00.
 Akers: Well, I'll get it for you as soon as he sobers up.
 Jack Frye: All right, Dutch, thanks.

The following conversation between Jack McJunkin, a city fireman and chauffeur to Mayor McLaughlin, and the Hatterie Hotel, a house of prostitution, and subsequent calls indicate that McJunkin is keeping company with a prostitute named Jerry who works at the Hatterie Hotel.

11:08 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

H.A.S.

Jack McJunkins: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)
 Girl: Hello -
 McJunkins: Is Grace (Goldstein) there?
 Grace: Hello
 McJunkins: Hello - what're you doing?
 Grace: Anybody I can - who's this, Jack?
 McJunkins: Yeah -
 Grace: Somebody just told me that the Rangers raided the
 Southern Club about ten minutes ago - caught them
 wide open and in action.
 McJunkins: Yeah, I know - It didn't make any difference about
 them being in action, though. That's not what
 they were doing.
 Grace: No? What is it?
 McJunkins: Come down here and I'll tell you all about it.
 Grace: It'll be 15 or 20 minutes yet -
 McJunkins: All right - Bring somebody with you -
 Grace: OK -

JANUARY 16, 1937

The following conversations relate to the arrest of James Dilliard, mentioned in the logs for January 15:

2:21 P.M. Outgoing on # 446

JLM

Akers: # 3420 (W. D. Swain, attorney)
Swain: Hello -
Akers: Are you busy?
Swain: No -
Akers: Can you come down to the Jail and talk with a gentleman in here for a minute?
Swain: I'll be right over -

4:04 P.M. Incoming on # 123.

JLM

Tucker: Chief's Office -
Dr. Fletcher: Mr. Tucker - this is Dr. Fletcher - have you got a boy over there named James Dilliard (phonetic)?
Tucker: Yes, he's here -
Dr. Fletcher: What's he charged with?
Tucker: Issuing worthless checks - Somebody swore out a warrant for his arrest for this charge.
Dr. Fletcher: Who swore out the warrant?
Tucker: (pause) Jack Fry at 204 Central Ave.
Dr. Fletcher: Must be a gambling debt -
Tucker: Well, I don't know anything about that.
Dr. Fletcher: Mr. Tucker, this fellow is a patient of mine, and his father is a very dear friend of mine. Naturally I'm interested in the boy. I wonder if I can talk with him.
Tucker: Sure - just a minute.
James Dilliard: Hello -
Dr. Fletcher: Well, what happened to you?
James Dilliard: Got drunk and made a fool of myself.
Dr. Fletcher: What about this check?
James Dilliard: I cancelled payment on it, after I wrote it.
Dr. Fletcher: How much was it?
James Dilliard: \$225.00.
Dr. Fletcher: Was it a gambling debt?
James Dilliard: Yes -
Dr. Fletcher: Does Jack have gambling back there?
James Dilliard: Yes.
Dr. Fletcher: I didn't know that -
James Dilliard: Can you come down today and go my bond?
Dr. Fletcher: Well, here's the thing Jim - how do I know you won't go off and get drunk again, and not show up in Court Monday.

James Dilliard: Needn't worry about that.
 Dr. Fletcher: Is Dick Swain your atty.?
 James Dilliard: Yes, I just retained him.
 Dr. Fletcher: He called me up a while ago, and said that he would be over here; that he had been talking with the Judge, and he will let you sign your own bond if I assure him that you will be in Court Monday.
 James Dilliard: Don't worry about that -
 Dr. Fletcher: You'll have to appear on that charge.
 James Dilliard: I know it, and I'll be there.
 Dr. Fletcher: All right Jim, I'll see what I can do for you.

JANUARY 17, 1937

The following conversation between Night Captain Ben Rogers of the Police Department and Lillian Pearrow, madam of a house of prostitution, indicates the attitude of the police toward vice:

5:25 A.M. Incoming on # 446

HAS

Rogers: Hello -
 Lillian: Rogers, this is Lillian (Pearrow) Are you the Night Captain now?
 Rogers: Yes -
 Lillian: Why can't any girls but Grace's girls get in the Kingsway? (Eastman Hotel). Mine couldn't get in tonight and I heard several others couldn't.
 Rogers: I hadn't heard anything about it -
 Lillian: Well it just started tonight that way - you know that Brock is the "dick" there now, and if Grace (Goldstein) is paying off I want to know about it so I'll know what to do about it -
 Rogers: I don't know -
 Lillian: Well, you know she can afford to pay off - my god - when any of her girls get drunk she fines them twenty dollars everytime. Find out for me, will you, whether she is or not - you can do it - and let me know - you know, we all have to stick together to make a living in this - every girl but Grace's was stopped there tonight.
 Rogers: All right Lillian - I'll see what I can do and let you know -

The following conversations relates to an arrest of a young man for issuing a check for \$225.00 when he had insufficient funds or stopped payment on the same:

10:47 A.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

Jack Fry: Is Dutch there?

Akers: Hello -
 Jack Fry: I saw that party last night - what happened to him?
 Akers: Dr. Brown signed his bond for his appearance in court Monday.
 Jack Fry: Hell, I didn't want to go to Court with him on this - couldn't you get him to pay the money out of court.
 Akers: No, I couldn't do a thing with him - he's going to contend it was a gambling debt.
 Jack Fry: Has he got an attorney?
 Akers: I don't know.
 Jack Fry: Well, Dick Swain called me just a while ago and said that he was representing the boy.
 Akers: I won't be here tomorrow, but why don't you get a hold of Verne before court and explain this to him. If you don't want to do that, ask him to continue the case until you can round up your witnesses, and in the meantime I'll talk to him.
 Jack Fry: Well, I can do that.
 Akers: Can't you get some witnesses who will testify that they saw you give him the money outright. You can say that you didn't know what he was going to do with the money; that he walked to the back of the place, and couldn't see what he was doing back there.
 Jack Fry: I can get three or four witnesses all right that can say they saw me give him the money.
 Akers: Well, you contact Verne early tomorrow morning, and either have your witnesses there for court, or ask him to continue it for a couple of days, and I'll talk to him then.
 Jack Fry: O.K. Dutch -

Note: Jack Fry is the owner of the Keystone Bar, a gambling place in town.

1:31 P.M. Incoming on # 123

JLM

Dick Swain: Is Akers there?
 Akers: Hello -
 Dick Swain: This is Dick - are you going to be in town tomorrow morning?
 Akers: No, I'll have to be in Little Rock.
 Dick Swain: I wondered if you could get someone to whisper in Ledgerwood's ear tomorrow morning for him to tell Jack to give this fellow his check back. If he doesn't, he threatens to go before the

Committee at Little Rock, and spill it over there. He will be satisfied, if Jack just gives him his check back.

Akers: Couldn't you do anything with him?
 Dick Swain: No, he's got a couple of smart doctors behind him.
 Can you get somebody to whisper to the Judge to tell Jack that -
 Akers: All right, Dick.

The Watkins mentioned in the following conversation is Day Captain Jerry Watkins. The identity of Potts is unknown:

5:10 P.M. Incoming on # 446

GRM

Tucker: City Jail
 Potts: Is Watkins there?
 Watkins: Hello -
 Potts: Jerry, this is Potts. Come up to the Southern Grill, I've got something I want to talk over with you.
 Watkins: All right, I'll be up in a little bit.

The following two conversations appear to relate to the arrest of a local gambler, "Saratoga" Russell:

9:30 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

Akers: Called 1696 (Chief Raspberry residence)
 Raspberry: Hello -
 Akers: Did you stop at the Southern Club?
 Raspberry: Yes - He wasn't there -
 Akers: How bad was she hurt?
 Raspberry: She was beat up pretty bad -
 Akers: I've got him on "holdover" now, but I'll put him on the docket in morning -

9:40 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

Rogers: Called 341 (Citizens); Spoke to Lee Hall and advised him that "Saratoga" was in jail on assault, charges placed by Akers - Requests that Hall appear as witness.
 Hall: I'll talk to Ben (Harrison) about it.

11:35 P.M. Incoming on # 123

HAS

Scudder: (reporter) Do you have John in jail?
 Officer: Yes - Dutch put him in this afternoon - He'll be charged with assault tomorrow.

The Ben Harrison mentioned in the second conversation is proprietor of the Citizens Club (bookie).

JANUARY 18, 1937

The following conversation indicates that former Chief of Police Joe Wakelin and former Lieut. Cecil Brock are still active in the Police Department even though their services have been dispensed with:

11:31 A.M. Outgoing on # 123

GRM

Watkins: 1723 (Residence of Joe Wakelin)
 Wakelin: Hello -
 Watkins: Chief, I've got those two boys down here.
 Wakelin: Well get Cecil (Brock) to go down there and see if he can get some prints off that ear. If he can we may be able to put them on the spot. That will settle the thing in a hurry.
 Watkins: O.K.

The following conversation pertains to the legislation investigation and arrest of "Saratoga" Russell, mentioned in the logs for January 17th:

4:30 P.M. Incoming on # 446

HAS

Akers: Hello -
 Girl: Dutch, this Marjorie Fatheree. Have been reading about the trouble - Hope it will come out all right -
 Akers: Everything will be O.K.-
 Miss Fatheree: Do you have "Saratoga" in jail?
 Dutch: Yes - I'll tell you about it when I see you -
 Miss Fatheree: Wish he could get out - we need him to do our "dirty work" -
 Dutch: He's got to stay in for a while -

The identity of Marjorie Fatheree is unknown at this time.

Erb Wheatley, mentioned in the following conversation, is connected with Miller's Cigar Store, a bookie:

5:30 P.M. Incoming on # 648

HAS

Hazel: Hello, Mayor's Office -
 Erb Wheatley: Is "he" (Mayor) there?
 Hazel: Who's calling?
 Wheatley: This is Erb Wheatley.
 Hazel: He's not here now, but I think he will be back -
 Wheatley: Ask him to call me at number 3. (#3 may be an unlisted phone at Miller's).

The following comments made by Mayor McLaughlin appear of interest:

4:55 P.M. Outgoing on # 648

HAS

McLaughlin:
Dr. Stough:
McLaughlin:
Dr. Stough:

Called 2140 (office - Dr. D. B. Stough)

Helle
Did you want me?

Yes, Leo - I'm interested in helping Joe Scott out of the trouble he's in - I want your advice about who to get for his lawyer. I expect to pay the attorney's fee - Joe Scott has always been a friend of mine and helped me on some occasions -

McLaughlin:

Well, he's in a pretty bad fix right now - People are pretty much stirred up over this - Lot of them blame what's happening in the Legislature on that Dickson case - Bad publicity for the town and the merchants don't like it - It's going to be pretty hard on him and all of them - Would you or Richard Ryan consider taking his case?

Dr. Stough:

McLaughlin:

No, I wouldn't, and I'm sure Ryan wouldn't either. I heard him discuss the matter the other day - Another reason why he wouldn't is because I fired those boys, and a lot of people think Dick and I are Law partners together - We're not partners, but try most of our cases together - In fact last year we handled more business together than any other two lawyers in Hot Springs - Dick wouldn't take the case on that account.

Dr. Stough:

Who would you suggest for me to get to represent him?

McLaughlin:

I'd suggest Judge Cotham. He'd be as good as you could get.

Dr. Stough:

Thanks, Leo. I wanted your opinion who to get, just like you might ask me for a medical opinion. Personally, I don't believe that Joe Scott had anything at all to do with that case -

JANUARY 19, 1937

2:45 A.M. Incoming on # 123

HAS

Officers:

Abbott and Davis reported at The Chicago Club (#217)

The Chicago Club is a bookie with private card games in the rear.

8:32 A.M. Incoming on # 446

GRM

Carrington:

City Jail

Emmett Jackson: Mr. Corrington, you have some warrants over there for Olin Johnson. That thing has been settled so just release the warrants.
Corrington: All right, Mr. Jackson.

6:55 A.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

Abbott: Called 1553 (Jett Bros. Grocery).
Elmer Hall: Hello -
Abbott: Do you want me to try to serve that warrant on Wilson?
Hall: Wait until I give him a chance to pay that check this morning - I'll let you know.

7:15 A.M. Incoming on # 123

HAS

Elmer Hall: Requested Corrington not to serve warrant on Wilson until he notified him -

These conversations indicates that the Police Department is a collecting agency.

4:32 P.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

Emory: Is Watkins there?
Watkins: Hello -
Emory: This is Houston Emory - did you make the arrest of those folks at Marie's?
Watkins: Yes - Dutch and I were together.
Emory: Come up to my office and give me a statement of what you found there -
Watkins: All right, I'll be right over.

4:35 P.M. Outgoing on # 446

JLM

Akers: # 1037 (Emory - Ridgeway)
Emory: Hello.
Akers: Did you call me?
Emory: Yes - were you in that Stafford - Sassie arrest?
Akers: Yes - Jerry Watkins and I were together -
Emory: Did you find them in bed or rooming together?
Akers: No, nothing like that -
Emory: If you fellows want to make a couple of dollars apiece, you come to my office and make that statement, and we'll let him go then.
Akers: O.K. I'll be right over.

Houston Emory is the former Prosecuting Attorney but now in private practice. The Stafford - Sassie arrest apparently relates to Mrs. Sassie of Iowa, mentioned in the reference report.

6:12 P.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

Sid: Say Dutch, this is Sid - drop up to the Levi
Drug Store. I'll put you in line to making
some money.
Akers: I can't leave now Sid - I'm all alone
Sid: O.K. I'll wait for you. Don't tell anybody now.

The identity of Sid is unknown at this time.

7:11 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

GRM

Akers: 683
Man: White Front.
Akers: Is Matt there? (Matt Picki)
Matt: Hello -
Akers: Did you call me?
Matt: Yes, I saw that fellow. - O K - I think I'd better
get a receipt.
Akers: All right.

7:13 P.M. Incoming on # 446

GRM

Akers: Hello -
Man: This is the man that Matt just talked to you about.
Akers: I don't know what you're talking about.
Man: Just a minute -
Matt Picki: This is Matt - it's O K.
Akers: O K Matt -
Man: I wonder if I could see you?
Akers: No - you'd better talk to Matt.
Man: Well, my partner is already doing business with you.
Akers: Well I don't know anything about any partner's
partner. What ever you want you'd better talk
with Matt.
Man: O K.

Matt Picki is proprietor of the White Front Cigar Store which is
alleged to be the contact point and "hang out" of con men. Dick Palatos was
alleged to own an interest in this establishment. It would also appear that
Akers is doing business through Matt Picki.

11:00 P.M. Outgoing on # 123

HAS

Man: Called 3085 W (Lillian Bahre)
Lillian: Hello.
Man: What're you doing?
Lillian: Just sitting by the stove keeping warm.
Man: Can't you do anything better to keep warm?
Lillian: Maybe -
Man: Are you busy? who's there?

Lillian: I'm not busy - the girls are right now -
 Man: Is Wynona there now?
 Lillian: No - she hasn't even written me since she left.
 Man: Well, guess I'll have to come around and "cut" you -
 It's been a good while, hasn't it -
 Lillian: O K. Come on over -
 Man: If I can.

Lillian Bahre operates a house of prostitution in Hot Springs.

JANUARY 20, 1937

The following conversation is between Jack McJunkins, City fireman and chauffeur to Mayor McLaughlin, and Grace Goldstein, madam of the Hatterie Hotel, a house of prostitution. The identity of Jerry is unknown.

12:30 A.M. Outgoing on # 123. NAS

Jack McJunkins: Called 3421 (Hatterie Hotel)
 Grace: (Goldstein): Hello
 Jack: Is Jerry there, Grace?
 Grace: Yeah - I'll send the maid for her - How'd you come out in Little Rock, Jack?
 Jack: It looks pretty good now - still worried some, though -
 Grace: Well (pause) Jerry is busy right now. Do you want me to take the message?
 Jack: How long will she be busy?
 Grace: Not long - I guess about fifteen or twenty minutes - Want her to come down?
 Jack: Yeah - If she's not down in half an hour, I'll know she can't come -
 Grace: Oh, she'll be there by that time.
 Jack: Tell her to bring me some cigarettes - I'm out -
 Grace: O K, honey -

The following conversation indicates "fixing" of a traffic violation by Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers:

9:46 A.M. Incoming on # 123 GRM

Corrington: Chief's Office
 J.R. Fordyce: Is Mr. Akers there?
 Akers: Hello -
 J.R. Fordyce: Mr. Akers, this is J. R. Fordyce. My wife got a ticket yesterday for parking in a restricted area. We can't get in to town this morning. I wonder if I can arrange to take care of it later.

Akers: That's all right Mr. Fordyce I'll take care of it for you. You won't need to come down.
J.R. Fordyce: Thank you very much.

The following conversation is one among many made by one Doc Davis who's identity is unknown at this time. A Dr. Davis is listed as a Dentist in Hot Springs but the conversations indicate that he is not the one calling Akers and talking to him on several occasions in front of the Post Office:

11:52 A.M. Incoming on # 123

GRM

Dr. Davis: Called for Akers -
Akers: Hello -
Dr. Davis: Dutch - I can't do anything for that fellow. He is M. G.
Akers: O.K. Doctor, He is out now. He got out this morning.
Dr. Davis: O.K.

The following conversation apparently originates with a local gambler and makes an interesting comment on the arrest of "Saratoga" Russell, mentioned in the logs of January 17 and 18.

2:35 P.M. Incoming on # 446

JLM

Man: Is Dutch there -
Akers: Hello -
Man: Was there anything to that I told you about last night -
Akers: Yeah - I think it'll work out all right -
Man: Say listen - you guys aren't going to hold that Saratoga in jail there, are you?
Akers: Yeah -
Man: Christ, that guy is murder -
Akers: Well, we'll see -

The following conversation indicates a "fixing" of a traffic violation by Mayor McLaughlin:

10:30 A.M. Incoming on # 648

JLM

John Clements: Verne (Lodge) fined one of my boys \$5.00 this morning for double parking - I wish you would take care of that.
Mayor: All right, I'll attend to it, but I wish you would watch that, as there is a lot of beef about it.

JANUARY 21, 1937

Calls from the Police Department indicated that Miller's Cigar Store,

(bookie and gambling establishment) was open at 1:30 A.M. Previous conversations indicated that small beer taverns were ordered to close at 11:00 P.M. and others were closed permanently.

The following two calls are between Mayor Leo McLaughlin and W. S. Jacobs, reputed to be the head of all gambling in Hot Springs:

9:53 A.M. Outgoing on # 648

GRM

Mayor: K115
 Woman: Hello -
 Mayor: Ella, this is Leo - Where is Mr. Jacobs?
 Woman: He's upstairs.
 Mayor: Well, ask him to call me when he comes down.

9:54 A.M. Incoming on # 648

GRM

Jacobs: Called Mayor -
 Mayor: Hello -
 Jacobs: Did you call?
 Mayor: Yes, I'm going over there to be before the
 Commission (Racing Commission) at 4 P.M.
 Jacobs: Well - That piece in the paper isn't the same as
 the one I saw. The morning paper didn't carry
 anything.
 Mayor: Well, this one isn't so bad. I'll see you before
 I leave -
 Jacobs: I'm leaving for Belvedere now.

The following conversation is between Mayor McLaughlin and Ed Farris, Secretary of the Racing Commission. Mr. Cella, mentioned in the conversation, is Mr. Charles Cella of St. Louis, Missouri, owner of Oaklawn Park racing track.

10:28 A.M. Incoming on # 648

JLM

Long Distance call from Ed Farris at Little Rock, Arkansas.
 Farris: I talked with Mr. Hilliard, and he said this
 meeting is going to be just a get-together, to
 get the boys acquainted with each other - that
 we'll probably have another meeting in about ten
 days at which time we'll discuss the problems that
 confront us in the coming season. Hilliard feels
 that we won't be in a position to discuss anything
 at this meeting.
 Mayor: Mr. Cella wants me to take a message to him - it
 won't take over five minutes for what I have to
 say to them.
 Farris: That'll be all right - you come right up.

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indicating an unlisted telephone to W. S.
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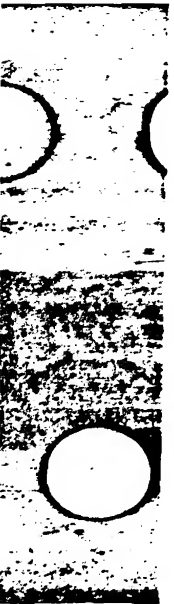
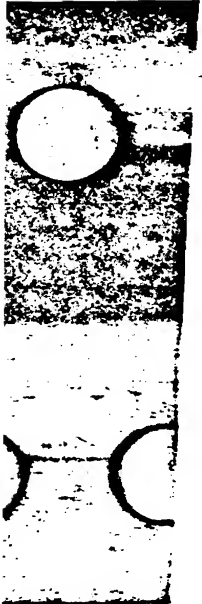
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Time: 11:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Telephone Taps -
Hot Springs, Arkansas

At this time Mr. Suran received a call from Special Agent in Charge Little of the Little Rock Field Division regarding the telephone taps at Hot Springs. Mr. Little stated that they had been unable to get cable information due to flood conditions, and that further difficulty was being encountered in locating a suitable place to establish headquarters for the tap which, it was contemplated, would be placed on the home telephone of Mayor Leo McLaughlin, as the neighborhood is thickly populated with colored people and it would be rather risky to locate there.

He stated, however, that in connection with the telephone tap which is to be established on the telephone of W. F. Jacobs who operates the Belvedere Club and other gambling concessions at Hot Springs, it appears that this tap can be successfully placed; that there are two possibilities for places from which this tap can be maintained, one is located in an apartment at 205 Peter Street, and the other at 205 1/2 Peter Street, for which the rental would be \$50 per month. Mr. Little stated that he had previously received authority to place this telephone tap, and now wanted authority to pay the \$50 per month rental which Mr. Suran authorized. Mr. Little stated that he did not have a Special Agent to cover the tap when placed, and that he had been previously furnished information by me that a man probably would be sent there from the Boston or Chicago Field Divisions to assist in this matter, and the telephone tap would not be actually placed until someone was available to cover it. Mr. Suran told Mr. Little that by all means the tap should not be placed and then left unattended. Mr. Suran stated to Mr. Little that he would be further advised concerning the possibility of securing the assignment of another Special Agent.

Mr. Little further advised that incidental to the case in question the State Revenue Officers had raided the Belvedere Club and several other joints in Hot Springs making no arrests, but seizing all the equipment and destroying it. Mr. Little believes this to be a political slap against the political organization in Hot Springs as Hot Springs did not support the Governor in the recent election, and there is political friction between the

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cities of Little Rock and Hot Springs.

Mr. Little stated that he would suggest that the extortion case regarding Marvin Fallis be considered in connection with the J. C. Davis kidnaping case as there might be some connection between the extortionist and the kidnaper of Dr. Davis. He advised that all notes involved in the Marvin Fallis case had been forwarded to the Bureau.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm *ET*

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 1, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

6-2-4B

Dear Sir:

In a recent conversation with United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed of Cleveland, he requested that he be furnished the complete criminal record of Joe Roscoe.

A search of the files of this office discloses that no such record is at present available. However, Roscoe was fingerprinted by the Miami Field Division when he was apprehended there recently.

It is therefore respectfully requested that copies of the criminal record of Joe Roscoe be furnished to this office and to the other offices receiving copies of this communication, and also an extra copy for the United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-15, 16-37	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES H. OLSON WRA
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX, with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1232, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. Emma Porterfield and son, William, reside at 7045 W. Vernor Highway, Detroit, Michigan, Apartment 102. Frank Porterfield, deceased, formerly operated hotel at West Vernor and Dix Highways, now the Stockyard Hotel. Arrangements made with Mrs. Helen MacDonald, caretaker at 7045 W. Vernor and Andrew Martin, proprietor of grocery store at 7045 W. Vernor to notify Detroit Division if they again observe a man they believe to be Benson Groves.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated December 24, 1936.

Letter to all Field Divisions from Cleveland Field Division dated November 20, 1936.

DETAILS:

The 1936 Detroit City Directory reveals that MRS. EMMA PORTERFIELD and her son, WILLIAM PORTERFIELD, reside at 7045 W. Vernor Highway, Apartment 102, Detroit, Michigan, and Agent ascertained from the mail boxes at that address that they still reside there.

MRS. HELEN MAC DONALD, caretaker, Pauline Apartments, 7045 W. Vernor Highway, stated that Mrs. Porterfield had resided in

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Apartment 102 at this address for the past four years; that Emma Porterfield was about 76 years of age and was kind of queer; that she was always "butting into the affairs of other people," but was a very good tenant, paid her rent regularly, and that she considered Mrs. Porterfield respectable and honest.

Mrs. MacDonald stated Mrs. Porterfield's son, Frank Porterfield, deceased, had operated what is now the Stockyard Hotel for ten or fifteen years, the name of the hotel formerly being the Porterfield, and before that the Garvey Hotel. She stated that after the death of Frank Porterfield, his estate was settled and the hotel disposed of. She stated Frank Porterfield's wife's whereabouts is unknown; that Mrs. Emma Porterfield has been living with her son, William, whose wife is in a sanatorium, and that the Porterfields came to Detroit from West Virginia, but originally came from the State of Pennsylvania.

Upon being shown the photograph of BENSON GROVES, Mrs. MacDonald identified it as identical with some man she had seen before but could not recall where. She was sure it had not been in the apartment house or anyone contacting the Porterfields, but felt that it was someone she had observed in the grocery store which is located in the corner of the apartment building. Arrangements were made with Mrs. MacDonald to be on the look-out for this individual, and to advise the Detroit Division office if she saw him again, which she volunteered to do. Mrs. MacDonald also agreed to observe the individuals contacting the Porterfields and to notify the Detroit Division office immediately if Benson Groves is observed going in or out of that apartment.

ANDREW MARTIN, proprietor of the grocery store situated in the basement on the northwest corner of the apartment building at 7045 W. Vernor Highway was contacted. He also identified the photograph of Benson Groves as someone he had seen before but could not recall the place or the man's name, but he felt that it was someone who had been in his store on a number of occasions. Arrangements were made with Martin to endeavor to obtain the name and address of this individual, if he saw this person again, and to furnish this information to the Detroit Field Division.

As reference report reflects that the Porterfields are the type of individuals who might harbor Groves, and as Mrs. MacDonald stated Mrs. Porterfield was a little queer, it was thought inadvisable to contact the Porterfields at the present time.

The Stockyard Hotel is situated at W. Vernor Highway and Dix Highway and is an old hotel, catering to the working class of people. A beer garden is also operated in connection with the hotel, and dancing is permitted in the beer garden. No one resembling Benson Groves was observed around the place at the time of Agent's visit.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION at Detroit, Michigan, will maintain contact with Mrs. Helen MacDonald and Andrew Martin, 7045 W. Vernor Highway, for information as to the identity and address of the individual they believe to be Benson Groves. If this does not produce results, will contact Mrs. Emma Porterfield and her son, William, for any information they may have as to the whereabouts of Benson Groves, and in the event Groves is located will take appropriate action.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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BREKID SPECIAL ASSISTANTS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CARR AND ^{James J.}WATERS TOOK STATEMENT FROM
T. R. KNIGHT AND ATTORNEY BART RILEY CONCERNING TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER. PLEASE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL McMAHON

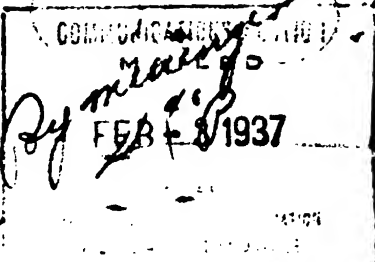
In accordance with the request of Mr. Charles E. Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, of Mr. R. C. Suran of this Bureau, an investigation is being conducted to determine the authenticity of the statement made by T. R. Knight to the effect that the indictments pending against Henry "Duke" Randall and Joseph H. Adams at Miami, Florida, would be dismissed upon the payment of \$10,000.00. You will recall that the indictments in this case resulted from investigation indicating that Randall and Adams harbored Alvin Karpis.

The Miami, Florida, Field Division, conducting this investigation, has advised that Special Assistants to the Attorney General Charles E. Carr and James J. Waters obtained statements from T. R. Knight and Bart A. Riley, attorney, concerning this phase of the investigation. It is requested that copies of these statements be furnished this Bureau as promptly as possible for reference with regard to the contemplated investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
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United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
February 1, 1937.

Re: BREKID.

Transmitted herewith are copies of newspaper clippings from the following newspapers in regard to current activities at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in connection with the investigation by the legislative committee now in session, for the attention of the Bureau:

New Era, Hot Springs, Arkansas, for
January 29, and 30 (2), 1937.

JOHN B. LITTLE, PM
Special Agent in Charge.

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Spa Operators Seek to Save Equipment

To Be Given Opportunity to Salvage "Non-Gambling" Devices.

Louis Tarlowski, Little Rock attorney, retained by Hot Springs gambling house operators in an attempt to prevent burning of the equipment seized last night in the Revenue Department's raid on the establishments, appeared at an informal hearing today before Griffin Smith, chief justice of the Supreme Court, and obtained permission for the operators to come to Little Rock this afternoon and "pick out" the furnishings they claim is not gambling paraphernalia.

The time set for the burning is 7 o'clock tonight.

The place is Fair park, behind the stadium erected for the address of President Roosevelt during his visit here last June.

Tarlowski informed Chief Justice Smith that he had been called by telephone from Hot Springs and had been requested to intercede in behalf of the club operators. Hugh Wharton, former assistant attorney general, now attorney for the State Revenue Department, appeared for the state. He agreed to a request that Tarlowski be permitted to telephone the Hot Springs clients and inform them that they might come to Little Rock during the afternoon and view the seized furnishings at the Terminal warehouse. Those articles termed "not gambling equipment" by the club operators will be held until Monday by the state, but that equipment that is patently gambling devices will be burned tonight, Mr. Wharton said.

Destruction of the furnishings will be under direction of officers of the State Revenue Department.

By HARLAN HOBBS.
(Democrat Staff Correspondent.)

Hot Springs—Hot baths were without competition today as the primary attraction of this world-famous health resort as state revenue agents in sweeping raids stripped luxurious night clubs and sumptuous betting rooms of all gambling equipment.

Swooping down on eight of the best-known gambling establishments in the Spa, Commissioner Dave L. Ford and 17 officers seized roulette wheels, dice tables, chuckaluck games and other paraphernalia valued at \$15,000. The raiding party was acting under supreme court orders.

Confiscated equipment was loaded under supervision of officers into two large moving vans and sent immediately to the capitol in Little Rock. Commissioner Ford told the owners their property would be burned unless they found a way through court action to block his efforts within 24 hours.

Coming as a complete surprise to the club owners and to the people of Hot Springs, few spectators were present at the beginning of the raids. Officers who had quietly entered each of the six places, had presented their court orders to the managers and had begun to close the various games before patrons realized what was happening. In each instance there was a hurried exodus of startled patrons.

News Spreads Quickly.

But word of the raids spread like wildfire. With the mid-winter season just starting, the sudden cessation of gambling activities was a matter of interest to hundreds of visitors who joined local residents in jamming the streets and sidewalks in front of the raided establishments.

Reports flew thick and fast throughout the resort city. One rumor had it that officers were shooting and smashing Belvedere to bits, but the only weapon that was in evidence throughout the quiet and well-ordered raid was the court order signed by Chief Justice Griffin Smith.

An interested onlooker to the proceedings was Rep. Lee Nichols, Booneville Baptist minister and secretary of the Hot Springs investigating committee. He visited all of the raided places. "I'm here just in the role of an observer," he smiled. And that was his only comment.

"They're ruining Hot Springs," growled W. S. Jacobs, owner of the swanky Club Belvedere and Southern Club, two of the places raided. As he spoke Hot Springs police confined their efforts to keeping thoroughfares open as curious crowds moved from place to place with the officers.

"Every resort city in the country has its gambling," Mr. Jacobs said.

"If they don't, they lose patronage. We've been open about it and everyone knows it. This is more like a hi-jacking than a legal procedure, but it's all right. There seems to be no appeal. My payroll is \$575,000 annually. This will throw 1,100 people out of work."

Patronage Biggest Loss.

Equipment seized at the Southern Club alone was estimated at \$4,000, but lost patronage was considered the biggest loss by the owners.

Moving into the city shortly after nightfall the work of the officers had been completed before 9 and the big vans were en route, under guard, to the capitol. After the officers and trucks had gone... as suddenly and quietly as they had entered... Hot Springs took on an appearance that has not been duplicated for years.

An observer, sauntering through the once-bustling gambling halls and rooms, was faced with an unusual picture of inactive confusion. Owners, bookies, gamblers, cashiers and erstwhile patrons talked, standing or sitting in small groups, in the center of bare gambling rooms.

"Hot Springs will be wide open again in two weeks... Carl and his Rangers are sore at us... Surely they don't think all these people come to Hot Springs just to take baths... What's the big idea, who do they think they are in Little Rock..." These are examples of the comments that flew back and forth after the officers had gone.

There were smiles of approval on many faces in the crowds on the street. "There were medicinal waters here long before the gamblers came," one spectator remarked, "and it is foolish to suppose that this will injure Hot Springs in any way."

Chief Justice Griffin Smith, who issued the raiding warrants at Little Rock, said: "I'm not giving out any statement about it at all. I couldn't say offhand who asked for the warrants."

Instructed to seize only the equipment and no money, the raiders had some difficulty taking slot machines. They finally got owners to come to the clubs and empty them of coins.

Few Patrons About.

Only half a dozen patrons were at Belvedere when the officers appeared. Manager Otis McGraw told them "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part." The six other places visited included the Ohio Club and Miller's place.

A Little Rock attorney declining use of his name reported a telephone request to "do something" to prevent the gambling equipment from going up in the bonfire.

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He reported a preliminary search of the lawbooks failed to disclose any provision whereby the supreme court could be restrained from carrying out provisions of any state statute.

Hot Springs also closely watched another development in the capital city. A bill introduced in the House seeks to repeal the 1935 horse racing legalization act. Hot Springs has scheduled its third meet under the statute for March 1.

The Arkansas House of Representatives voted the inquiry two weeks ago. Rep. W. M. Thompson charged officers were allied with the underworld, a "political machine" controlled elections through law violations and open gambling was rampant.

Immediately the investigators rushed state police into the same establishments raided last night to summon officials and employees before the committee with their business records. The inquiry has continued in secrecy since.

Committee in Session

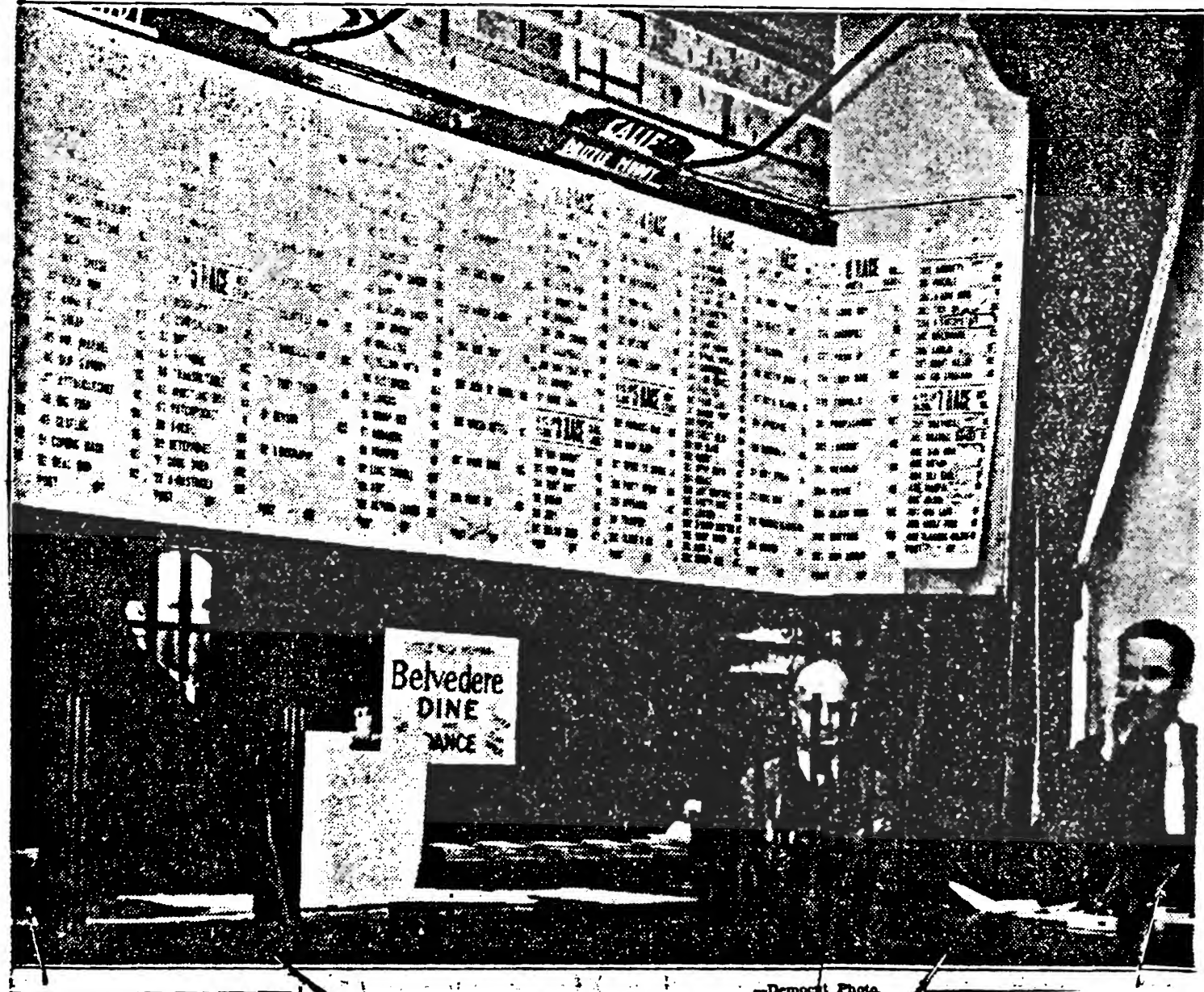
The special house of representatives committee investigating conditions pertaining to open gambling at Hot Springs, and alleged laxity at law enforcement in the judicial district composed of Garland and Montgomery counties was in executive session today at the office of John R. Thompson, assistant city attorney, who is aiding the committee as legal advisor.

No announcement was made concerning the matters to be discussed by the committee but it was indicated a statement would be issued following the meeting. Rep. W. M. Thompson of Batesville is chairman of the committee; Rep. J. F. Jones of Montgomery county, vice chairman; Rep. Lee Nichols of Logan county, secretary. The other two members of the committee are Rep. Ike Murry of Dallas county, and Rep. Pat Robinson of Lafayette county.

Gambling equipment seized last night in a raid on several Hot Springs clubs was stored today at the Terminal Warehouse here in the city. It was not determined if the owners of the equipment would take legal action in an effort to prevent the officials from carrying out announced plans to burn the equipment.

The seizure was made by officers from the state revenue department who were armed with seizure warrants issued by Griffin Smith, chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme court.

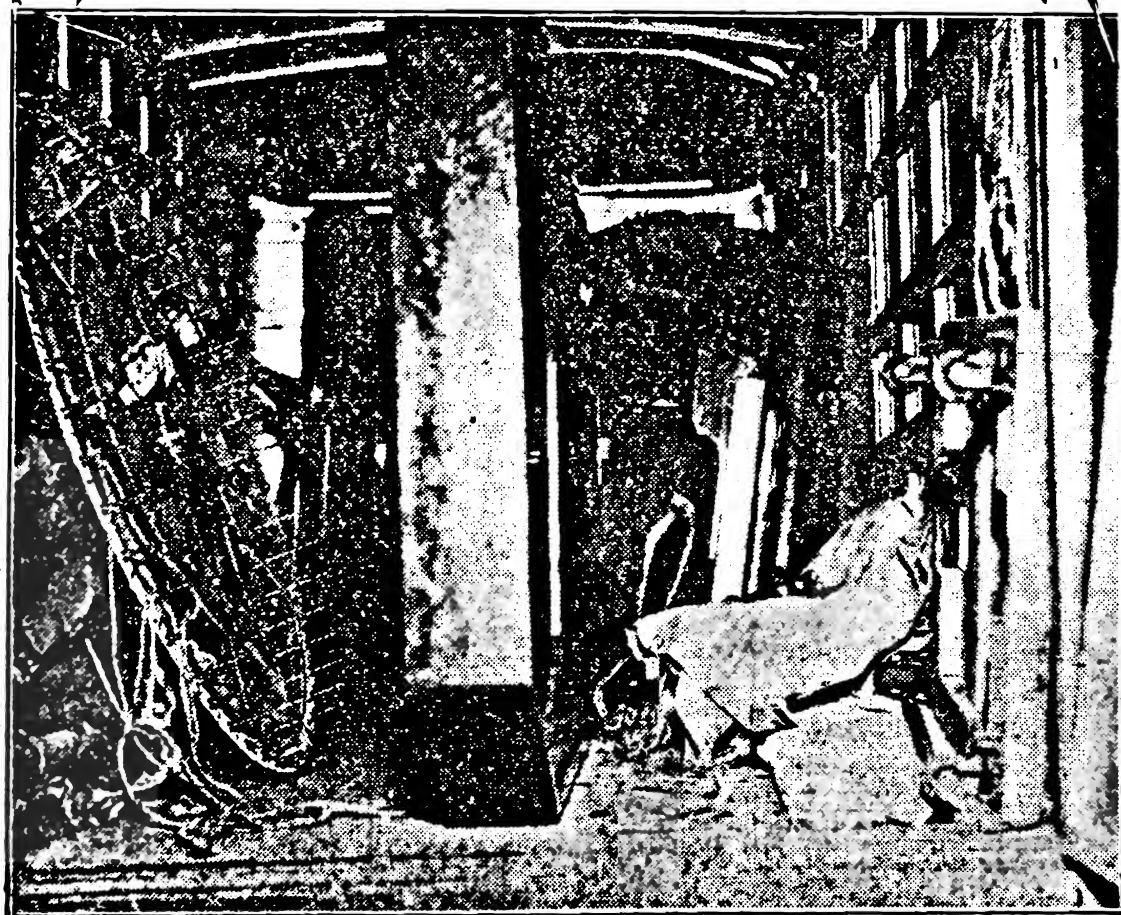
Where Pony Followers Made Bets



—Democrat Photo.
This scene was snapped by the Democrat photographer last night as the officers from the State Revenue Department entered the Southern Club at Hot Springs in their surprise raid on the spa's "hot spots" to seize gambling equipment. The "tellers" behind their windows had not moved when the picture was made. Above their heads is the list of horses and odds at the various tracks over the country. A card advertising Club Belvedere near Hot Springs may be seen in the photograph. W. S. Jacobs, owner of the Belvedere, also operates the Southern Club.

*/ Spa Hot Spots Stripped in Raids *





Top picture shows crowds gathered in front of the Ohio club as state revenue officers raided it along with seven other Hot Springs houses Friday night. The raids came as a surprise, but the news spread quickly and crowds of interested spectators gathered before officers completed their task of removing gambling paraphernalia, some of which is shown in the lower photo, piled in a large moving van to be brought to Little Rock.

\$15,000 Pyre Built of Spa Gaming Tables

Confiscated Paraphernalia Burned by State Revenue Agents.

Big Crowd Present

Roulette Wheels, Chips, Dice, Aided by Oil, Feed Flames.

Three van loads of gambling paraphernalia from Hot Springs clubs were burned at Fair Park in Little Rock last night as a major thrust by state authorities in a determined drive to purify the resort city which is famous throughout the nation for its hot springs and baths.

The value of the property destroyed was valued at \$15,000 with some of the estimates ranging higher.

Agents of the state revenue department poured kerosene on the roulette wheels, dice tables, horse racing machines and various other devices and touched them off. They were seized Friday night when the revenue department agents visited the alleged gambling resorts armed with search and seizure warrants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the Arkansas supreme court.

The highly polished wood was slow to catch on fire and for a time the felt covering such as is used on pool tables was the only thing burning. After several minutes the fire gained headway and burned with the fury of a good-sized house fire.

100 Witness Blaze.

More than 100 people braved the rain and waded in mud to witness the destruction of the equipment. About a score of automobiles parked in the park soon after 7 p. m., which was the hour announced for the bonfire but it was more than an hour before the three trucks of the Terminal Warehouse Company arrived with the equipment and it required nearly an hour to unload the stuff.

The list of spectators included Rep. W. M. Thompson of Batesville, chairman of the special committee appointed by the House of Representatives to conduct an investigation into the gambling situation in Hot Springs and to seek to determine if there is an alliance between gamblers and law enforcement officers. One other member of the House committee was seen at the park last night.

Owners of the equipment destroyed last night did not seek redress in court yesterday in an effort to prevent the burning of the property seized by the revenue agents.

Louis Tarlowski, local attorney, indicated last night that he has some definite recommendations to make to his clients pertaining to the developments of the past 36 hours.

Future Action Uncertain.

"I have not had an opportunity to consult with my clients since the events of today," Mr. Tarlowski said last night. "I do not know what future action, if any, they propose to take. I have some definite recommendations which will be made to them at an early conference, but no useful purpose would be served by divulging them at the present time."

All five of the members of the investigating committee signed a statement issued yesterday afternoon following a conference with John R. Thompson, assistant city attorney, at his office in the Wallace building.

"We have spent a busy week preparing a line of testimony that we expect to use in the course of our investigation, and we are now ready to resume the taking of testimony," the committee announced.

It had not been announced previously that the committee has taken any testimony other than to question briefly several of the operators of alleged gambling clubs two weeks ago when the operators were subpoenaed to appear in Little Rock and deliver certain records.

It has been disclosed from sources which are considered reliable that considerable time has been devoted during the past two weeks to conferences with persons who may be able to give the committee valuable information.

Many of the persons listed as probable witnesses have been interviewed and some of them are likely to be called when the committee begins the taking of sworn testimony.

Early Report Promised.

A report from the committee at an early date was promised. "We have decided that it is best at the present time that we continue our investigations in private," the investigators stated. "If at the proper time it seems fair and just to the committee and to all parties concerned that we hold some public hearings, the public will certainly be notified in advance and will be permitted to attend. We started out in the beginning to make this investigation with the committee and we do not feel yet that it is to the best interest of all that we try this case in the newspapers."

The public acts of the committee to date have indicated that the investigation has centered on the activities within clubs at Hot Springs, but a source close to the committee indicated that progress has been made in an entirely different direction.

The resolution which was adopted by the House members authorizing

the investigation mentioned laxity in law enforcement in the resort city and in the Eighteenth judicial district, which includes Garland and Montgomery counties.

Earl Witt of Hot Springs is judge of the circuit court in the Eighteenth district. Houston Emory completed his third term as prosecuting attorney for the district a few days before the investigation was authorized and has been succeeded by Gibson Witt Jr. Both Judge Witt and Mr. Emory were included in the list of witnesses subpoenaed soon after the committee began its work, but it has not been disclosed if they will be required to appear again.

Spe Conducts Own Raid.

Hot Springs—Any gambling paraphernalia in Hot Springs today was apparently stored in back rooms and not in operation.

In a sudden series of raids yesterday afternoon county officers, under the orders of Circuit Judge Earl Witt and Sheriff Marion Anderson, visited every suspected establishment in the corporate city limits and confiscated all devices found.

The raids were similar to the "party" staged by revenue men Friday night in all but two respects. The officers did not use search warrants, as did the state officers, and the articles were burned as soon as seized. There was no waiting for court proceedings.

Sheriff Anderson would make no estimate as to the number of places visited or the number of devices destroyed.

He said slot machines, punch boards, chuckaluck bird cages, dice, poker chips and crap, blackjack and poker tables were confiscated.

The sheriff led one raiding party and his chief deputy, Roy E. Erney, led another. The officers started in the downtown section with Anderson going north and Erney south.

In spite of having no search warrants the officers reported no interference during the raids. In fact, they said, most of the operators "expected it."

The chuckaluck games and the majority of the gambling equipment were taken from Malvern avenue negro establishments which had not yet been raided by state officers.

Downtown cigar stores operated in conjunction with book-making establishments were raided, but the "books" were closed after the Friday night raids.

Sheriff Anderson said the raids were conducted under secret orders, but that he believed many of the operators moved their equipment before officers arrived.

Unlike the revenue officers' raids, the ones Saturday afternoon were quietly carried on with few persons noticing the officers' activity. When the bonfire was started behind the courthouse there were less than 25 spectators.

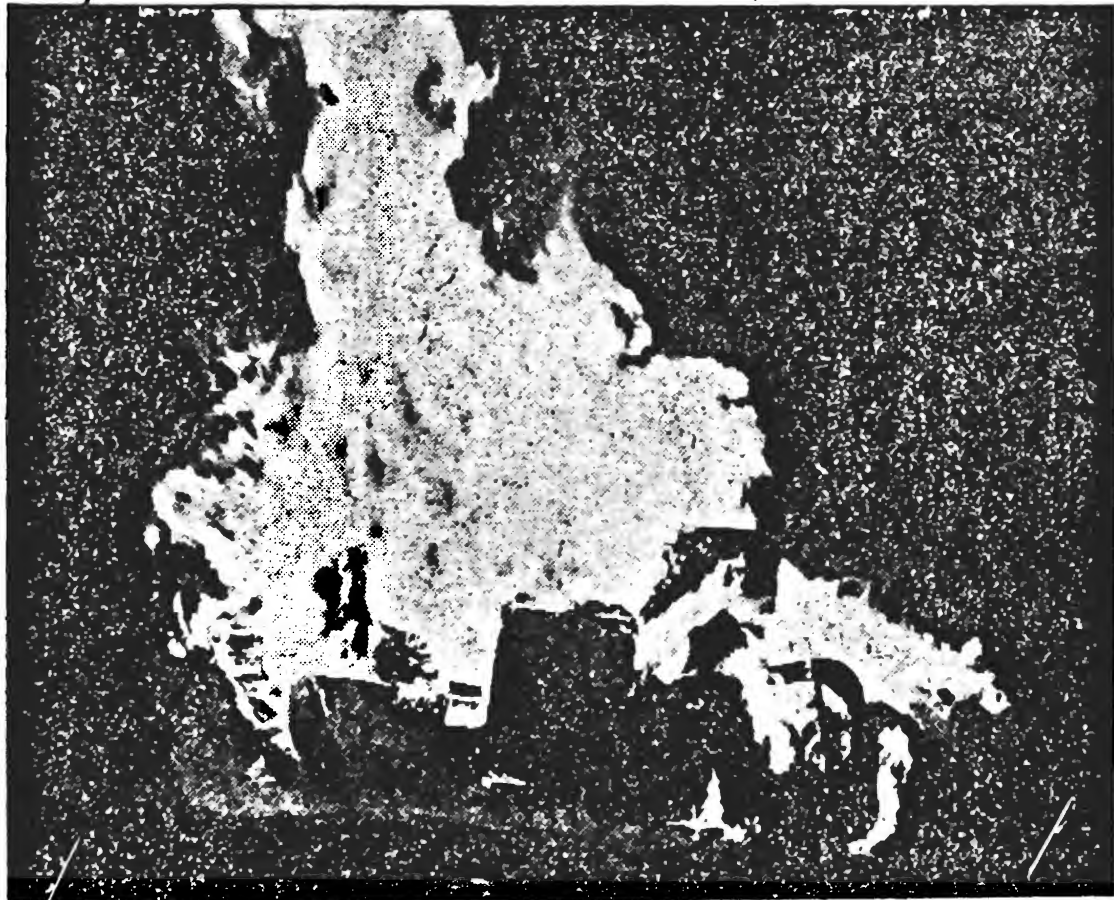
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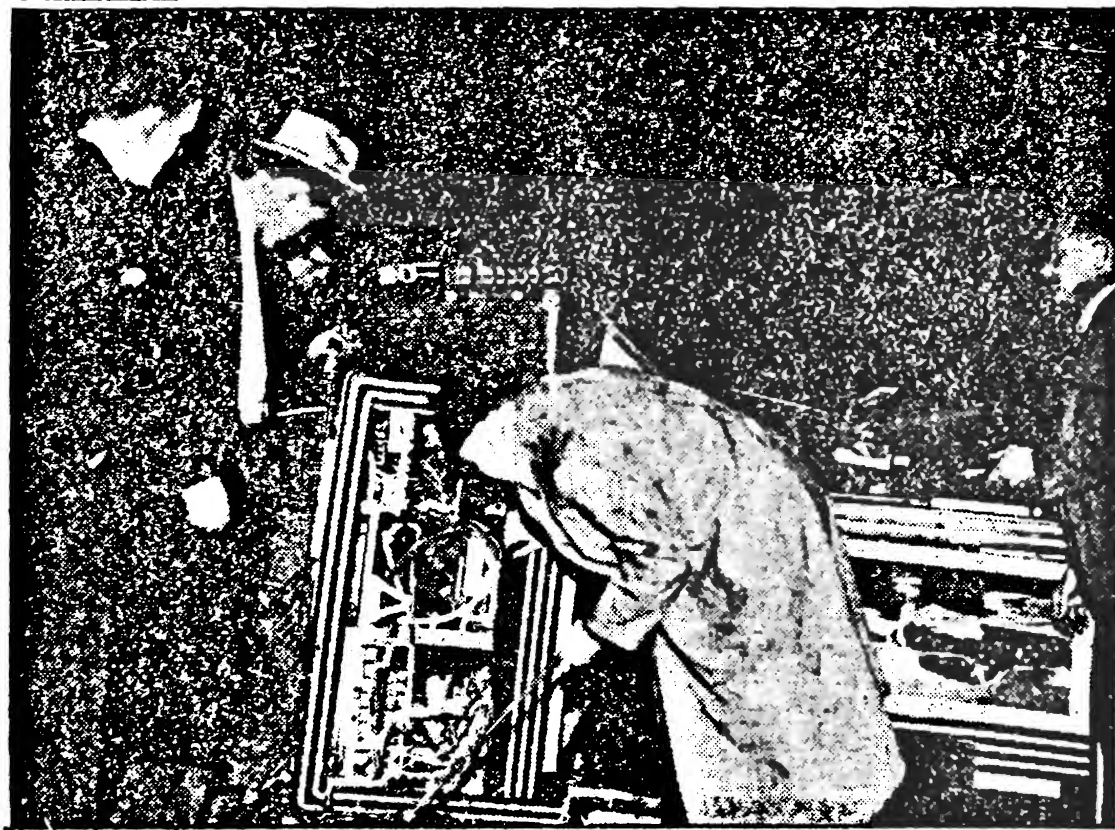
Hot Springs—The courthouse bar, closed last week on a court order, was raided Saturday night by Acting Chief of Police Weldon Rasberry, who said he found the place "wide open." The operator, "Doc" Ketchum, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court.

Municipal Judge V. S. Ledgerwood ordered the establishment closed after officers described it as a "sore spot" and identified it as "the scene of a recent slaying."

Ketchum, Rasberry said, claimed he had received permission to open, but the officer ordered him to appear in court Monday.

/ Devices Go Up in Smoke /





Here goes \$15,000 worth of gambling paraphernalia. Up in smoke went the equipment last night at Fair Park. It was seized Friday night by State Revenue officers at Hot Springs in a surprise raid and was brought to Little Rock and placed in storage at the Terminal warehouse, from where it was taken last night to be burned. —Democrat Photo.

COSTLY GAMING OUTFITS BURNED IN BIG BONFIRE

**Crowd on Hand In
Spite of Delay.**

Hot Springs' gambling house equip-
ment, seized in a raid by officers of
the state Revenue Department Friday
night, went up in smoke at Fair park
shortly before 9 last night. The equip-
ment had an estimated value of from
\$35,000 to \$50,000.

A crowd of several hundred
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A crowd of several hundred witnessed the bonfire. Several thousand more had left the park because the trucks conveying the paraphernalia were delayed several hours.

Louis Tarlowski, lawyer for W. J. James, operator of several gambling trucks at Hot Springs, made an effort Monday in order to give him and his clients time to seek an injunction or legal effort to recover the parlay but the request was denied. Then asked that all articles being directly to gambling Monday and Tuesday.

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Shortly before 7 p. m., the time scheduled for the bonfire, hundreds of automobiles began parking in long lines on the streets adjoining the old race track. As the hour passed and no trucks appeared, many began questioning Lieutenant Kerr and began questioning Lieut. park to handle the situation. Many believed that a belated court order or the rain had caused a postponement. Hundreds left the scene, but as the trucks appeared at 8:30, the streets again became lined with cars.

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Revenue officers armed with sledgeshammers demolished slot machines and horse machines and other metal articles that would not burn. When they were through there was no chance that any part of the devices ever could be used for gaming again. The required almost a half-hour and the three trucks. Three officers poured the trucks on the horse machines.

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Report Indicates Public Hearings May Be Held

Hearings May Be Held.

Public hearings by the House committee named to investigate alleged connivance between officials and gamblers of the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, which includes Garland and Montgomery counties, were indicated in a statement issued yesterday. Interrogation of witnesses thus far has been in executive sessions.

The committee's statement follows:

"The committee appoints a subcommittee to investigate law enforcement agencies and persons who are known or suspected of being connected with gambling."

The committee's statement follows: The committee was appointed by the house to investigate the alleged laxity of the enforcement in the city of Hot Springs and the Eighteenth Judicial district held a meeting at 411 Wallace building in the city of Little Rock to which we have spent a busy week to a line of testimony that we pre- sented and are now ready to in- troduce all matters of our in- vestigation.

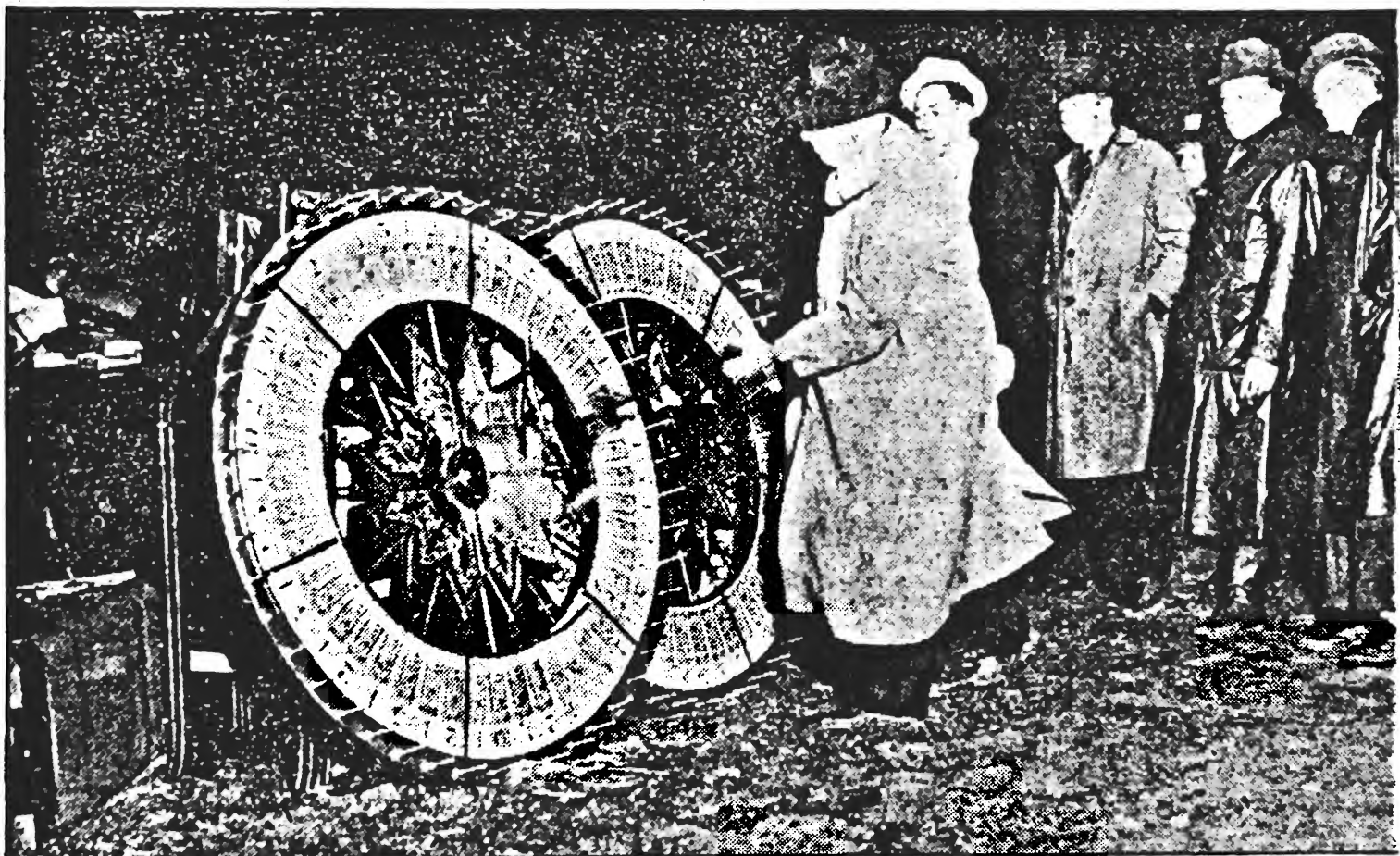
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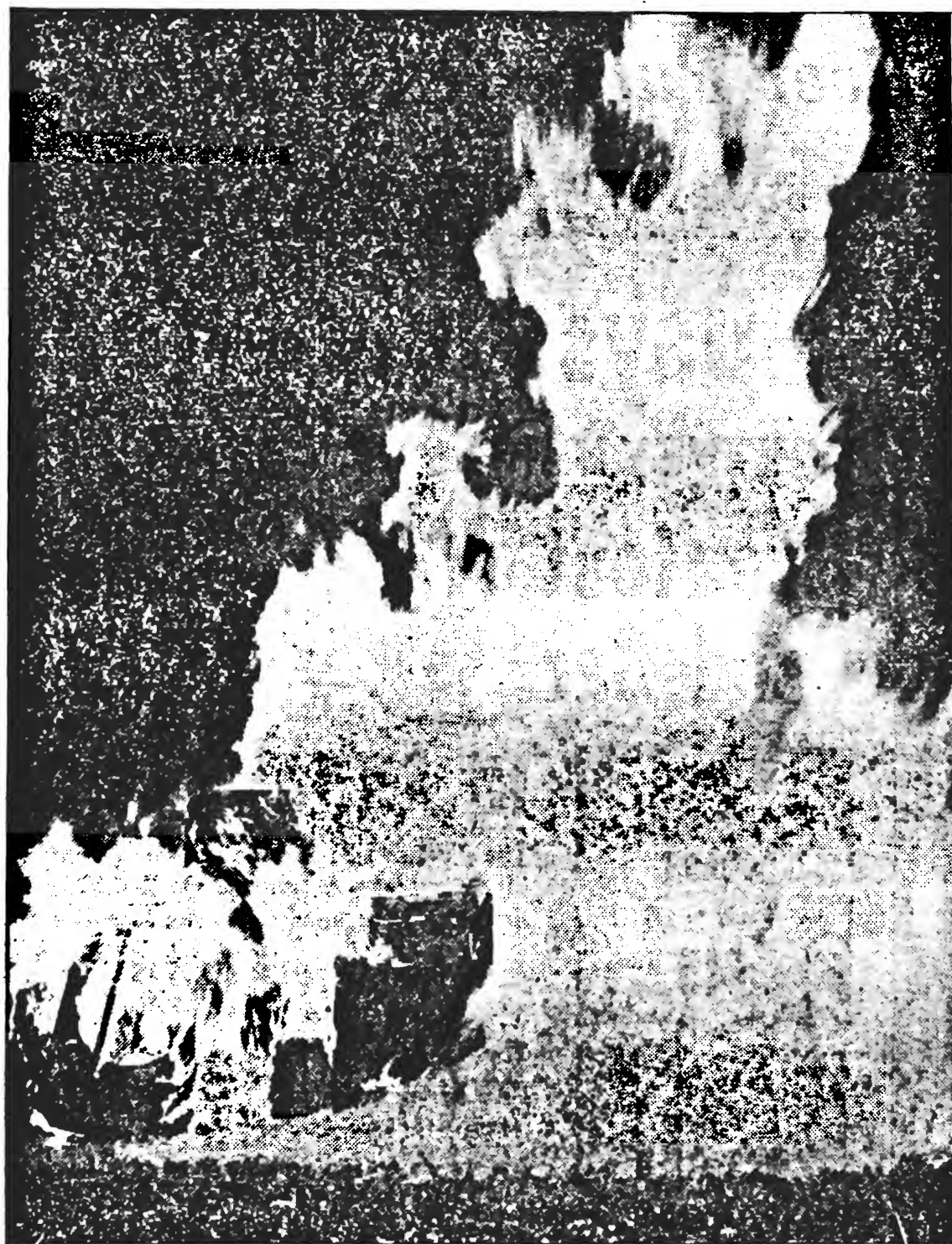
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BOB BUSTS THE BANK



—Gazette Staff Photo.
As Negroes carried the expensive gambling equipment seized in Hot Springs Friday night to a spot on the old race track at Fair park last night, state revenue officers busied themselves with a sledge-hammer, smashing all wheels that would not burn. In the picture, made while the heap was small, Bob Faust is shown shattering a wheel with the hammer. On the extreme left is Amis Gutheridge, secretary to Dave L. Ford, state revenue commissioner. He supervised the work. Next to him is Revenue Officer John Atkins, and two other officers. All took turns in swinging the hammer.

SOME BONFIRE!



—Gazette Staff Photo.

Hot Springs Closed Tight As A Clam

By WILLIAM A. WILSON.
(Staff Correspondent of the Gazette.)

Hot Springs, Jan. 30.—The so-called sporting populace of this renowned resort simply fiddled tonight while its gambling paraphernalia burned in Fair Park at Little Rock.

The old town was closed as tight as a clam. There wasn't a trace of the wide-open gambling that has characterized Hot Springs for many years.

Your correspondent visited tonight every one of the eight places raided last night by state Revenue Department officers, and not one was in operation. All were dark. The few stragglers who apparently were regular hangers-on looked glum. They seemed lost. It just wasn't the same place.

The only lively places observed were the Arlington and Eastman hotels and the Club Belvedere where president's balls were in progress.

But at Belvedere the famous casino was closed. That's where the gambling stuff was seized by officers last night. And the casino takes up about half the space in the swanky night club, just a few miles from Hot Springs, on the Little Rock highway.

Quite in contrast to the situation last night. You couldn't find more than three or four persons together on the streets here tonight. Even in the clubs where gambling has been carried on for years, the managers and clerks were complaining of poor business.

When the Revenue Department squad of 17 men, headed by Dave L. Ford, state revenue commissioner, swooped down on a half-dozen of the leading gambling places here last night, there were customers galore.

Effect On City Uncertain.

Just what the result on this shutdown will mean, nobody seems to know definitely. Some are of the opinion that Hot Springs will attract more people from all over the country who may be benefited by the baths. Others take the opposite view, declaring that a resort town such as this should be wide open to attract visitors.

Be that as it may, your correspondent walked from one end of Central avenue, the city's main drag, to the other tonight, and didn't see an officer, nor any necessity for one. Last night, you

couldn't turn around without bumping into a cop of some sort of other.

Just what will become of the several hundred persons employed at the establishments raided last night is not known. W. S. Jacobs, operator of Club Belvedere and the Southern Club, both of which were raided, says that he had more than 1,100 persons on his payroll. Others employed by similar businesses may increase the total to 1,500. Whether they will obtain employment

elsewhere cannot be told. But, having operated so long without molestation by officers, it was contended by some that the bosses undoubtedly would take care of the situation.

For instance, Belvedere was opened 17 years ago, Mr. Jacobs told your correspondent last night, and it has been in operation since. And who can remember when there wasn't a Kentucky Club and an Ohio Club, and a White Front cigar store and other places where gambling was not carried on openly?

County Officers Get the Habit.

Garland county officers conducted a raid of their own today, and were reported to have raided every place in town passed up by the state officers last night. They picked up a truck load of stuff and burned it on the courthouse grounds. It created no little excitement, but not like that of last night. Some of

the stuff seized today was taken in raids on Negro establishments.

Hot Springs hotels were reported to have suffered the loss of considerable patronage as a result of the seizure of the gambling paraphernalia. Since the season is just opening, it was said that the hotel managers were despondent.

However, the legislature will adjourn March 11 and then things may be different, some reasoned. But until that time it appears to be a safe bet that there will be no wide open gambling in Hot Springs.

Committee Inspires Raids.

Last night's raid on the gambling places was blamed on many persons here on Governor Bailey. Because Hot Springs and Garland county gave Ed F. McDonald, Mr. Bailey's leading opponent, an overwhelming majority, some persons here have believed that the governor was retaliating.

However, your correspondent, who at present is employing his talents in reporting the proceedings of the House of Representatives and the doings of the House committee designated to investigate Hot Springs' conditions, happens to know that the governor had little if anything to do with the search and seizure warrants issued by Griffin Smith, chief justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, which directed the revenue commissioner and his officers to seize all the gambling paraphernalia found at the eight places named in the warrants.

It appears that the committee authorized by the House to investigate alleged unlawful conditions in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, comprised of Garland and Montgomery counties, has received charges that there has been connivance between the gamblers and county and city officials, and the members are trying to learn if these charges are true.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
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HOT SPRINGS AND THE STATE.
Without in any way condoning gambling, which is a human evil on both moral and economic grounds, it may be said that the gambling itself at Hot Springs does not affect the state so much as political conditions there.

The raid made on Hot Springs gambling establishments by state Revenue Department officers appears to have been a further development of the legislative investigation into the Hot Springs situation. The investigation movement was strengthened and vitalized by the cruel injuries suffered by a prisoner while he was in the hands of the Hot Springs police.

Political conditions determine government. Political conditions in Hot Springs and Garland county might determine the government of the state, as for example in a closely contested race for governor where machine controlled votes or poll tax receipts might decide the result.

We don't believe the people of Arkansas want recurrent turmoil at Hot Springs. We feel sure that the citizens of this state would welcome the stabilizing of conditions at Hot Springs on a basis that would make the ballot free and unimpeachable and satisfy civic considerations.

GAMING DEVICES TAKEN TO LITTLE ROCK FOR BONFIRE

**CHIEF JUSTICE SMITH
NON-COMMITAL ON
SPA RAIDS.**

NICHOLS IS PRESENT

**Secretary of Probe Commit-
tee Says He Is Merely
"Spectator"— State Offi-
cers Strip Eight Places of
Gambling Paraphernalia.**

Palatial Belvedere club and seven downtown bookmaking and gambling establishments were stripped of gaming paraphernalia last night by state revenue department raiders acting under warrants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the Arkansas supreme court.

The magistrate did not divulge who had requested the warrants, but the Little Rock bureau of The Associated Press said it had learned from authoritative sources that seizure of the gambling equipment resulted from findings of the legislative committee authorized to investigate alleged lax law enforcement in Hot Springs.

EFFORT MAY BE MADE TO STOP DESTRUCTION

Little Rock, Jan. 29—(P)—A prominent Little Rock attorney who declined to be quoted said late tonight he had received a telephone request from Hot Springs to "do something" to halt the scheduled bonfire of gambling devices seized in raids at the resort city.

He said he hurried to his office, consulted law books and found himself faced with a peculiar situation. The warrants for seizure of the equipment were issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the supreme court.

The attorney said a preliminary search failed to disclose any provision whereby the supreme court could be restrained from carrying out provisions of any state statute.

He said he was hopeful that some way out might be found tomorrow. Otherwise, a bonfire will dispose of an estimated \$15,000 in devices.

The Rev. Lee Nichols, representative from Logan county and secretary of the probe committee, appeared here shortly after the raids started. He visited each of the raided places, said he was "just in the role of an observer," and declined additional comment. Other members of the committee, contacted in Little Rock, were non-committal.

"I'm not giving out any statement at all," Chief Justice Smith was quoted as saying in Little Rock. "I can't say offhand who asked for the warrants. They were issued today."

Revenue Commissioner Dave L. Ford and 17 officers swooped down on the city at dusk, loading roulette wheels, dice tables, chuck-aluck games and other equipment into moving vans without resistance.

Ford said the paraphernalia would be trucked to the statehouse at Little Rock and burned after 24 hours unless the owners take the matter into court. Club operators announced no immediate plans for such action.

Only two weeks ago state Rangers paid a surprise visit to the clubs and establishments to summon officials and employees before the legislative committee.

The Arkansas house approved the inquiry after hearing Rep. W. M. Thompson charge officers were allied with the underworld, that a "political machine" controlled elections through law violations, and

open gambling was rampant.

The writs said information had been given that certain gambling devices were kept at Hot Springs contrary to the state statutes, ordering a search for the equipment and its burning within 24 hours after service of the orders.

The raiders moved on the show spots of Hot Springs in four squads. Only a half dozen patrons were at Belvedere club when Manager Otis McGraw said "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part."

News of the raids swept over the city like wildfire. The downtown side walks were soon milling with curious pedestrians and crowds gathered in front of the bookmaking and gambling establishments. Central avenue became jammed with automobile traffic. There were several minor collisions when drivers' attention was diverted in their eagerness to follow the movements of the state officers.

Several hundred sightseers gathered in front of the uptown Southern club during the raid there. Other places visited included the Kentucky Club, the Ohio Club, Missaps, Miller's, the Blue Ribbon Club and the Citizens Club.

When the state officers entered a place the sidewalks and streets in that vicinity became congested. City police tried to open lanes for pedestrians and took to the streets to direct traffic. Both tasks were almost impossible.

At places where gambling activities were limited to bookmaking, the agents merely scooped up entry sheets and form books. At establishments where other forms of gambling were conducted, the paraphernalia was carried out by the negro crew of a large moving van. The agents brought two vans from Little Rock, one being loaded up at Belvedere and the other picking up confiscated equipment at the downtown places.

At the outset, the revenue men told the club operators they had no arrest warrants.

"You can use your own judgment about opening up tomorrow," one of the agents wise-cracked to the proprietor of a downtown establishment as the raiding party completed its mission.

At least two places where handbooks are operated were not molested by the officers.

"We feel neglected," said one of the proprietors.

The raiders were accompanied by staff writers and photographers of the Little Rock newspapers, and press association correspondents. Flashlights blazed as photographers snapped pictures of the raids and the crowds gathered in front of the places.

When the officers entered a place, the front doors were closed and no one was admitted until they had completed their work.

W. S. Jacobs, operator of Belvedere and Southern club, charged the officers had no jurisdiction, claiming those who entered Belvedere carried commissions issued by former revenue commissioner Earl R. Wiseman.

Amos Guthridge, who headed the Belvedere raiding squad, denied this, showing Jacobs a commission issued January 18 by Commissioner Ford.

"This is more like a hijacking than a legal procedure," asserted Jacobs, "but it's all right. There seems to be no appeal."

He charged that the officers refused to allow him to use a telephone at Belvedere to call his attorney.

Commissioner Ford estimated equipment seized at the eight places raided "worth several thousand dollars." Jimmy Phillips, who said he was an employee of Southern club, reported the establishment purchased new equipment recently at a cost of \$4,000. Jacobs declined to estimate cost of the Belvedere or Southern club paraphernalia.

"Our greatest loss is in patronage," he declared. "There are reports in downtown Hot Springs that the raiding officers shot up and burned Belvedere. We had 125 advance reservations for dinner and none of those who reserved tables have appeared."

One member of the raiding party estimated the value of seized equipment at \$15,000.

Jacobs said the raids will throw 1,100 out of work. This number is employed at Belvedere, Southern Club, his dairy and keeping up the grounds of the places, he reported. The night club proprietor said his annual payroll is \$575,000.

The raids came just as Hot Springs was starting its winter season.

There was a strong undercurrent of the resentment among the on-lookers. The general opinion seemed to be that state officials were going a bit too far in interfering with Hot Springs' affairs and that the events of recent weeks had destroyed the resort's prospects for a good winter season.

There were wild rumors that the state rangers were wrecking the places with axes. These reports proved groundless. The entire ranger force is on duty in the eastern Arkansas flood area and the raids were carried out entirely by revenue agents. The officers made no efforts to damage property and were cordial in their treatment of the proprietors and employees.

PRINCIPALS IN GAMING RAIDS



DAVE L. FORD



JUSTICE GRIFFIN SMITH

SPA'S GAMBLING EQUIPMENT FED TO BIG BONFIRE

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON
APPLIES TORCH TO
GAMING DEVICES

SMALL CROWD PRESENT

Legislative Investigating
Committee Indicates Pub-
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in Hot Springs Probe.—
Indicates Early Report.

Little Rock, Jan. 30.—(AP)—State revenue officers burned in a public bonfire \$15,000 worth of gambling paraphernalia confiscated last night in raids on night spots at Hot Springs.

A crowd of several hundred watched John R. Thompson, attorney for a house of representatives committee investigating charges of corruption at the resort city, apply the torch to a mound of roulette wheels, slot machines, dice tables, blackjack tables and other equipment.

The bonfire was held at Fair park, within a hundred yards of where President Franklin D. Roosevelt addressed thousands on his visit to Arkansas last June. Three large vans brought the equipment to the scene from a bonded warehouse in downtown Little Rock. The seizure was made on wa-

rants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith of the supreme court under a 100-year-old statute.

Revenue Commissioner Dave L. Ford said no representatives of the Hot Springs clubs appeared to protest the destruction of any of the articles. Louis Tarlowski, attorney for W. S. Jacobs, operator of several establishments, told Ford earlier he had been advised that some of the equipment seized could not be classified as gambling paraphernalia.

Ford agreed to hold until Monday any articles which the owners contended were not used for gambling, his ultimate decision to be guided by advance of the revenue department attorney, J. Hugh Wharton.

A few hours earlier, the house of representatives committee investigating charges of official corruption at Hot Springs, issued a statement indicating it might hold public hearings before concluding the inquiry.

"We expect to make a report at an early date," the committee.

The statement added that executive sessions would continue but that "if at the proper time it seems fair and just to the committee and all parties concerned that we hold public hearing, the public will certainly be notified of it in advance."

"We started out in the beginning to make this investigation within the committee," asserted the committee, "and we do not feel yet that it is to the best interest of all that we try this case in the newspapers."

The revenue department raiders moved from club to club under authority of writs issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith, meeting no resistance. The statute under which the warrants were issued, passed by the first Arkansas legislature in 1837, reads:

"It is hereby made and declared to be the duty and required of the judges of the supreme court, the judges of circuit and of the justices of the peace, on information given or on their own knowledge, or where they have reasonable grounds to suspect, that they issue their warrant to some peace officer, directing in such warrant a search for such gaming tables hereinbefore mentioned or referred to, and directing that, on finding any such, they should be publicly burned by the officer executing the warrant."

Louis Tarlowski, Little Rock attorney representing W. S. Jacobs, owner of several of the raided establishments, urged in vain that Revenue Commissioner Ford postpone destruction of the equipment until Monday.

Tarlowski said that "there's no argument about the authority for the issuance of these search and seizure warrants used by the revenue officers."

Garland Officers Not Outdone, They Have Raids, Bonfires, Too

On Orders From Judge Witt, County "Cops" Find an Idle
Moving Van to Haul Contraband and Stage Own
Private Raids.—Gambling Equipment Burned

Any gambling paraphernalia in Hot Springs today was apparently stored in back rooms and not in operation.

In a sudden series of raids yesterday afternoon, county officers, under the orders of Circuit Judge Earl Witt and Sheriff Marion Anderson, visited every suspected establishment in the corporate city limits and confiscated all devices found.

The raids were similar to the "party" staged by revenue men Friday night in all but two respects. The officers did not use search warrants, as did the state officers,

and the articles were burned as soon as seized. There was no waiting for court proceedings.

Sheriff Anderson would make no estimate as to the number of places visited or the number of devices destroyed. He said slot machines, punch boards, chuckaluck bird cages, dice, poker chips and crap, black jack and poker tables were confiscated.

The sheriff led one raiding party and his chief deputy, Roy E. Erney, led another. The officers started in the downtown section

with Anderson going north and Erney south. The contraband was hauled in a large van.

In spite of having no search warrants, the officers reported no interference during the raids. In fact, they said, most of the operators "expected it."

The chuckaluck games and the majority of the gambling equipment, not including punch boards and marble machines, were taken from Malvern avenue negro establishments which had not yet been raided by state officers.

Downtown cigar stores, operated in conjunction with bookmaking establishment, were raided but the "books" were closed after the Friday night raids.

Sheriff Anderson said the raids were conducted under secret orders but that he believed many of the operators moved their equipment before officers arrived.

Unlike the revenue department raids, the ones Saturday afternoon were quietly carried on with few persons noticing the officers' activity. When the bonfire was started behind the courthouse there were less than 25 spectators.

NEW ERA,
HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS,
1-29, 1937.

GAMBLING HOUSES RAIDED

REVENUE AGENTS ORDERED TO SPA BY HIGH COURT

Six Establishments, Including Belvedere and Southern Club, Already Raided and Three More to Be Taken in Sweep.—All Gambling Paraphernalia and Devices Confiscated.—To Be Taken to Little Rock and Burned Unless Court Proceedings Taken by Owners.

State revenue officers, headed by Commissioner Dave L. Ford, started raiding Hot Springs night clubs and other establishments tonight, confiscating gambling paraphernalia under warrants issued by Chief Justice Griffin Smith, of the supreme court.

Establishments raided:

Club Belvedere.

Southern Club.

Ohio Club.

Kentucky Club.

Millsaps Cigar Store.

Miller's Cigar Store.

Commissioner Ford indicated he intended to move down Central avenue and raid three other establishments. Ford and eighteen of his men swooped down on Belvedere at 6 p. m. The other places were raided in order.

The revenue men were confiscating roulette wheels, dice tables, chuckaluck games and other equipment. They were being placed in two moving vans.

Commissioner Ford said his orders were to deposit the equipment at the state house tonight. Unless the owners take the matter into court, Ford said it would be burned tomorrow afternoon.

A crowd of several hundred gathered in front of the Southern Club during the raid there and later moved down the avenue with the raiders.

The officers met no resistance at any of the places visited.

Only a half dozen patrons were at Belvedere. Otis McGraw, manager, told the raiders "These things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part."

The officers divided up in raiding squads of four or five men each. Amos Guthridge headed the force at Belvedere, Frank Witte at Southern Club, Bob Faust at Ohio Club and John Atkins at Miller's place.

Justice Smith's order read:

"Whereas, information has been given to the undersigned as justice of the Supreme Court of the state of Arkansas that there is, at (name of place) in Garland county, Arkansas, certain gambling devices there kept contrary to the statutes; you therefore are commanded to make search there for such gambling devices and if the same be found there that you forthwith proceed publicly to burn the same according to law unless the operators of said gaming devices assert legal rights in an to said property within 24 hours from service of this writ."

The warrants were addressed to any sheriff, constable, coroner, state ranger or state revenue officer of Arkansas.

Only two weeks ago state rangers invaded the night clubs and other establishments to serve a score of summons on officials and employees in connection with a legislative investigation into alleged lawlessness at the health resort city.

The equipment placed in the vans was estimated as being worth thousands. Jimmy Phillips, at the Southern club, said new equipment was recently purchased for his establishment at a cost of \$4,000.

Commissioner Ford said he had orders to arrest no one.

He said he understood the order was given by Chief Justice Smith upon the request of the house committee investigating alleged lawless conditions in Hot Springs.

Only Ford's men in the revenue department participated in the raids. Local officers were not notified until they had calls from businessmen requesting them to come down and clear the streets.

RACE REPEAL TO BE SOUGHT BY NEW BILL

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Measure Introduced to Repeal Act of 1935 Body

Little Rock, Jan. 30.—(P)—Rep. John K. Butt of Carroll county introduced in the house yesterday a bill to repeal the 1935 horse racing legalization act.

Two meets have been held at Hot Springs since the liberal 1935 legislature voted for racing. The same assembly legalized liquor sales. A bill seeking repeal of this law also is pending.

The racing repeal measure was tossed into the house hopper with numerous other bills near the close of yesterday's session. Two brief paragraphs made up the text of the bill which merely specified repeal of the act legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse racing in Arkansas.

The measure was referred to committee without discussion.

The Arkansas legislature stood in week-end adjournment today despite a warning from House Speaker Bransford that such recesses in previous sessions cost some members their favorite bill when work piled up.

The lower branch adjourned late yesterday until 10 a.m. Monday after earlier in the day voting down a resolution by Coffelt of Saline call-

ing for such action. The Senate quit during the morning.

Enactment of the Bailey Civil Service system for state employees topped legislative action for the week. The Senate passed the Northcutt two per cent sales tax bill while the House voted a measure to take the judiciary out of politics.

Other features of the week included Senate passage of a \$20 old age pension proposal and the House temperance committee's approval of the Vesey bill to repeal the 1935 law legalizing horse racing is sought in a bill by Butt of Carroll.

House bills introduced reached 270 yesterday with only a comparative few passed in the first three weeks of the 60-day session. The senate has received 173 measures. Settlement of differences during the past week on the general appropriation measure for judicial and executive departments paved the way for early action on other budget matters. The Senate lost its fight to increase the appropriation bill allocations for attorney-general, lieutenant governor and secretary of state.

The House yesterday passed the administration's bill setting up a new Welfare department. The Senate begins work on the measure next Monday. Gov. Bailey has asked its approval before Feb. 7, when the present Welfare act expires.

The measure provides that the governor shall appoint the seven members of the new commission and the Welfare commissioner. Reports are that Miss Gussie Haynie, Pulaski county domestic relations officer and a former assistant attorney general, may replace C. H. Andrews as commissioner.

The lower branch also approved a bill to authorize payment of truck licenses quarterly in January, April, July and October. Senate bills adopted were: By Livingston to amend the co-operative marketing

act, by Marlin to make kidnaping punishable by sentence of ~~three to~~ 99 years and by Barney to authorize clerk of supreme court and deputies to administer oaths and take acknowledgements of instruments.

Senate bills defeated: Switzer, to grant probate courts concurrent jurisdiction with circuit and chancery courts in the matter of removal of disabilities of minors; Northcutt, to simplify acknowledgements.

The upper branch gave its approval to a House bill by Darnell to make unlawful the sale of livestock after appearance of the animal has been altered. Featherstone, Murfreesboro, won adoption of his plan to divide the annual three-mill road tax collected on property within cities and towns.

Senator Coleman, Lepanto, introduced a bill to provide a sinking fund for payment of outstanding county warrants. Fifteen per cent of all funds reaching the county treasurers, except school and federal funds, would be impounded in the sinking funds.

Governor Bailey yesterday signed a bill reorganizing the Game and Fish Commission, appointing G. B. Oliver, Corning and Little Rock attorney, to chairmanship of the new board.

Gaming Equipment Taken Here In Raids By Revenue Agents Will Burn Tonight

MORE GAMING PLACES HERE RAIDED TODAY

County Officers Visit Malvern Avenue Establishments

Tim Cain's establishment on Malvern avenue, alleged Negro gambling house, was raided about 1:30 o'clock today in a surprise move by members of the Garland county sheriff's office. The officers entered the place without warning, loaded gambling paraphernalia on a truck and transported it to the county court house grounds where it was stacked and set afire.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Erney, supervising the burning, declined to disclose on whose authority the raid was made. Circuit Judge Earl Witt could not be reached at press time, and although Sheriff Marion Anderson could not be reached, it was assumed he was leading the raid.

That other establishments were to be raided was considered certain. Just before press time it was learned another group of county officers had departed to pay a visit to other gambling houses in the city.

The equipment taken from the Cain place included "crap" tables, chuckaluck games, poker chips, tables and chairs. All the paraphernalia was tossed into one pile and burned. Immediately a crowd gathered around the bonfire. Some attempted to salvage poker chips or playing cards, but were discouraged by officers.

Little Rock, Jan. 30. — (AP) — Revenue Commissioner Dave L. Ford announced today state revenue department officers will burn approximately \$15,000 worth of gambling equipment stripped from Hot Springs night clubs at 7 p. m. tonight at Fair Park.

The revenue agents seized the paraphernalia in a surprise raid on the swanky gambling establishments last night.

By agreement, no equipment will be burned which is not definitely established as gambling equipment, he said.

Louis Tarlowski, attorney, for W. S. Jacobs, operator of the palatial Club Belvedere and Southern Club, said he would telephone Jacobs to ascertain whether he desires to contest any of the confiscated paraphernalia.

All equipment not burned will be held until Monday in a Little Rock warehouse.

The special house committee investigating alleged lawlessness in the judicial district composed of Garland and Montgomery counties was in executive session today at the office of John R. Thompson, assistant city attorney, who is serving the committee as legal advisor. The committee made no announcement regarding its deliberations.

"There is no argument that roulette wheels, dice tables and similar equipment are not gambling equipment," Tarlowski said. "but I am informed from Hot Springs this morning that some things taken do not fall in this classification."

"I shall call my clients and advise them they can come over here

to point these out if they want to. don't know whether they'll care to come or not.

"There's no argument about the authority for the issuance of the writs under which these search and seizure warrants were seized. The statute is plain."

The statute under which the raids were carried out was enacted in 1837 by the first legislature to serve after Arkansas' admission to statehood. The law reads:

"It is hereby made and declared to be the duty and required of the judges of the supreme court, the judges of circuit courts and of the justices of the peace, on information given or on their own knowledge, or where they have reasonable grounds to suspect, that they issue their warrant to some peace officer, directing in such warrant a search for such gaming tables hereinbefore mentioned or referred to, and directing that, on finding any such, they should be publicly burned by the officer executing the warrant."

Ford said that if the owners of the equipment appeared and contended certain articles were not gambling equipment, he would hold them in a bonded warehouse until Monday, leaving the question for Revenue Commission Attorney J. Hugh Wharton and attorneys for the Hot Springs interests "to thrash out in court or in conference."

Sudden raids by state revenue agents, stripping sumptuous night clubs of extensive gambling equipment, dampened gay life in this world famous health resort today.

Commissioner Dave L. Ford and officers under Supreme court orders seized roulette wheels, dice tables, chuckaluck games and other paraphernalia valued at \$15,000 last night.

Two moving vans carted the devices off to the statehouse at Little Rock. Ford said the equipment would be burned within 24 hours unless the owners found a way to block him through court action.

Invasion of the city's show spots, authoritative sources disclosed, resulted from finding of a legislative committee now investigating alleged "lawlessness" here.

Chief Justice Griffin Smith who issued the raiding warrants at Little Rock, said: "I'm not giving out any statement about it at all. I could not say offhand who asked for the warrants."

Rep. Lee Nichols, Booneville Baptist minister and secretary of the Hot Springs investigating committee, appeared here shortly after the raids started. He visited raided places in what he described as "just in the role of an observer," declining additional comment.

The Arkansas House of Representatives voted the inquiry two weeks ago. Rep. W. M. Thompson charged officers were allied with the underworld, a "political machine" controlled elections through law violations and open gambling was rampant.

Immediately the investigators rushed state police into the same establishments raided last night to summon officials and employees before the committee with their business records. The inquiry has continued in secrecy since.

Hundreds of sightseers jammed traffic on Central avenue as the raiders took custody of the gaming devices without resistance.

City police centered their efforts on keeping thoroughfares open as the crowds moved from place to place with the officers. Newspaper boys did a thriving business with extras telling of the invasion.

"They're ruining Hot Springs," declared W. S. Jacobs, proprietor of Club Belvedere and Southern Club, two of the eight places raided.

"Every resort city in the country has its gambling," he asserted. "If they don't, they lose patronage. We've been open about it and everyone knows it."

"This is more like a hijacking than a legal procedure, but it's all right. There seems to be no appeal. My payroll is \$575,000 annually. This will throw 1,100 persons out of work."

Jacobs said his greatest loss last night was in patronage, reported 125 advance reservations for dinner "and none of those who reserved tables appeared because of reports in downtown Hot Springs that the raiding officers shot up and burned Belvedere."

He declined to estimate cost of equipment seized at his two clubs. Jimmy Phillips, of the Southern Club, reported \$4,000 in new devices were recently installed there.

The raiders in four squads swooped down on the larger clubs simultaneously. Officers reported the manager at one place grabbed a money sack and fled, being overtaken when half way down a fire escape.

Instructed to seize only the equipment and no money, the raiders had some difficulty taking slot machines. They finally got owners to come to the clubs and empty them of coins.

Only half a dozen patrons were at Belvedere when the officers appeared. Manager Otis McGraw told them "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part." The other places visited included the Ohio club, Miller's place, Kentucky club, Blue Ribbon and Itizens Club.

A Little Rock attorney declining use of his name reported a telephone request to "do something" to prevent the gambling equipment from going up in the bonfire.

He reported a preliminary search of law books failed to disclose any provision whereby the Supreme court could be restrained from carrying out provisions of any state statute.

The writs said information had been given that certain gambling devices were kept at Hot Springs contrary to the state statutes, ordering a search for the equipment

and its burning within 24 hours after service of the orders.

The raiders moved on the show spots of Hot Springs in four squads. Only a half dozen patrons were at Belvedere club when Manager Otis McGraw said "these things will happen and there are no hard feelings on my part."

News of the raids swept over the city like wildfire. The downtown side walks were soon milling with curious pedestrians and crowds gathered in front of the bookmaking and gambling establishments. Central avenue became jammed with automobile traffic. There were several minor collisions when drivers' attention was diverted in their eagerness to follow the movements of the state officers.

At places where gambling activities were limited to bookmaking, the agents merely scooped up entry sheets and form books. At establishments where other forms of gambling were conducted, the paraphernalia was carried out by the negro crew of a large moving van. The agents brought two vans from Little Rock, one being loaded up at Belvedere and the other picking up confiscated equipment at the downtown places.

At the outset, the revenue men told the club operators they had no arrest warrants.

"You can use your own judgment about opening up tomorrow," one of the agents wise-cracked to the proprietor of a downtown establishment as the raiding party completed its mission.

At least two places where handbooks are operated were not molested by the officers.

"We feel neglected," said one of the proprietors.

The raiders were accompanied by staff writers and photographers of the Little Rock newspapers, and press association correspondents. Flashlights blazed as photographers snapped pictures of the raids and the crowds gathered in front of the places.

When the officers entered a place, the front doors were closed and no one was admitted until they had completed their work.

There was a strong undercurrent of the resentment among the on-lookers. The general opinion seemed to be that state officials were going a bit too far in interfering with Hot Springs' affairs and that the events of recent weeks had destroyed the resort's prospects for a good winter season.

There were wild rumors that the state rangers were wrecking the places with axes. These reports proved groundless. The entire ranger force is on duty in the eastern Arkansas flood area and the raids were carried out entirely by revenue agents. The officers made no efforts to damage property and were cordial in their treatment of the proprietors and employees.

1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 3, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Los Angeles Field Division dated December 10, 1936, regarding .380 caliber automatic pistol, Number 106616, which pistol was allegedly sold in Kiles, Ohio, by Mr. Herbert Frame.

This is to advise that Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin ascertained from Chief of Police Charles Nicholas of Mies, Ohio, that the party referred to as "Louie" is Louie Muche, who was employed by the Kiles, Ohio Police Department from 1921 to the spring of 1927, at which time he was discharged for violation of departmental rules.

Chief Nicholas stated that Louie Muche was engaged in bootlegging up until about one month ago in the City of Mies, Ohio, but that shortly after his arrest about one month ago by the State Prohibition Agents, Louie Muche left Mies, Ohio and is at present in Cambridge, Ohio. It was ascertained from Sergeant of Detectives J. A. Jones, that Louie Muche is operating a beer parlor in the close proximity of the pottery factory in Cambridge, Ohio, and in all probability he will be known to the Police Department in that city.

You are respectfully requested to cause appropriate inquiry to be made of Louie Muche in connection with the suggestions set forth in above reference letter.

Very truly yours,

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J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. Joseph
Mr. Lester
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 30, 1937, instructing me to interview the local officers at West Plains, Missouri, for the purpose of ascertaining what action they desire to take in connection with prosecuting Alvin Karpis on the charge of murder.

Please be advised that it is my intention to proceed to West Plains, Missouri, for this purpose at the earliest possible date. It is noted that at the present time it is impossible for me to proceed to that point in view of the kidnapping of Dr. J. C. B. Davis at Willow Springs, Missouri. It is noted that at the present time a number of Agents are conducting investigation in the immediate vicinity of West Plains, Missouri. However, as soon as that matter is cleared up I shall proceed to West Plains at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Smith

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Superintendent John J. Ryan of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, called at this office today. He is a friend of Special Agent in Charge Herold H. Reinecke.

During the course of the conversation, Mr. Ryan advised that after an article was published in the American Magazine which contained two letters—one from Alvin Karpis to Dolores Delaney, and the other from Dolores Delaney to Alvin Karpis—he received a telephone call from Mr. Bates, Director of the Bureau of Prisons, who wanted to know how the letters got out of the penitentiary. Mr. Ryan was not familiar with the magazine article and said he would look it up and call back. He did this and told Mr. Bates when he called him that these two letters had been furnished to the Bureau of Investigation office at Detroit. Mr. Ryan stated, however, that he had not been forbidden to furnish us with this information but that they did not like it very well.

I thought you might want this information.

Respectfully,

J. S. Egan
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Inspector

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
February 3, 1937.

Time - 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Little of the Little Rock telephoned me in connection with the harboring investigation which is being conducted in Hot Springs, and wanted to request authority to rent an apartment down there at \$50.00 per month from which to maintain one of the new telephone taps which is being installed.

I granted this authority.

Mr. Little referred to Mr. Connelley's letter to him of January 27, 1937, a copy of which was sent to the Bureau, in which Mr. Connelley names about ten preferences for future telephone taps in connection with this investigation, numbers six and seven of which are supposed to be houses of prostitution. Mr. Little said that he learns from Sullivan at Hot Springs that the information concerning these two places was obtained by Mr. Connelley by means of an informant, and there is no information contained in the files of the Little Rock office about them. He said that if there is any information in the files of the Bureau on these two places, he would like to be furnished it so that consideration can be given to the possibilities.

I told him that this information, if any, would be furnished to him by letter in due course.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
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1500 Liberty Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

February 4, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge.
Cleveland, Ohio.

Re - GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MOFAT,
with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. 1232;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 14, 1936,
and to the report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon, Philadel-
phia, Pa., dated 7-7-36 and to the inquiry in your routing
slip dated 12-14-36.

Special Agent E. M. Hirsch interviewed former Special Agent
A. Schroeder who has advised that at the time Thelma Holst
was interviewed at the Philadelphia Field Division he had no
background in the instant matter; that he was unable to do
very much of the questioning and that most of his actions
were limited to being present only while the questioning
took place. Mr. Schroeder also stated, however, that it was
his recollection that Thelma Holst, when interviewed, stated
she did not know the subjects mentioned on page two of the
report of Special Agent J. L. Fallon under their real names;
that she learned these later and subsequent to the time she
had been associated with them; further, that she denied
having any knowledge as to their real identity.

Former Special Agent A. Schroeder is unable to recall
whether or not photographs were exhibited to Thelma Holst
but believes they were and is unable to state what photographs
were identified by her.

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Special Agent N. Chaffetz advised that he did not participate
in the entire questioning of Thelma Holst; that, however, he
was a witness to that part of the interrogation wherein

Thelma Holst made statements concerning Mildred Kuhlman and her activities in Chicago, Illinois; that he was familiar with Mildred Kuhlman's activities in Chicago and accordingly was present for the purpose of determining whether or not Thelma Holst was furnishing the truth regarding Mildred Kuhlman.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to Mr. J. L. Fallon who is presently in attendance at the F.B.I. National Police Academy, who is being requested to furnish information as was requested in your letter of September 14, 1936.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau

J. L. Fallon - National Police Academy - Washington, D.C.

1443 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 16, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

With reference to the harboring investigation in connection with the above entitled matter, it is thought advisable to reinterview Clara Gibson at Chicago, Illinois. Particular emphasis should be stressed as to her knowledge of any conversations overheard by her, or any other intimate details that she can recall relative to the association of the Barker-Karpis gang with the Angus Brothers and George Timiney and others in Toledo, Ohio.

In this connection, it is thought advisable that she be thoroughly interviewed, as from the interviews had with Clara Gibson in the past, no detailed information has been extracted from her with reference to this particular harboring situation.

It is respectfully requested that if possible Special Agent V. E. Criss be assigned to this interview, due to his intimate knowledge of the situation existing at Toledo, Ohio.

This interview should be expedited as it is anticipated that the information obtained from Clara Gibson will be necessary to present to the United States Attorney in the near future.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

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10:25 A.M.

February 5, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON *BT*

Mr. James Waters, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, telephoned me and stated he had learned that Special Agent Madala was in Washington. He stated he was calling at the request of Special Assistant to the Attorney General Carr who desired to talk with Agent Madala concerning his interviews with Wynona Burdette and Delores Delaney, at which time they furnished information concerning Joe Madala who is under indictment at Miami, Florida, for harboring Alvin Karpis.

I stated I would endeavor to make arrangements for Agent Madala to get in touch with Mr. Carr on February 6, 1937. Mr. Waters stated the conference between Mr. Carr and Mr. Madala would only be of short duration.

Respectfully,

R. C. Suran
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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREXID.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 4,
1937, in connection with the above entitled matter.

In accordance with your request, there are attached
hereto photographic reproductions of the body of John
Dickson.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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Little Rock, Arkansas
February 4, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 4, 1937, in the above styled matter and especially to pages 24 - 36 of this report which pertains to the death of John Dickson, a prisoner in the City Jail and whose death subsequently resulted in the indictment of seven officers of the Hot Springs Police Department on charges of second degree murder. This indictment is based upon alleged third degree methods used by the Hot Springs Police Department and resulting in the death of Dickson.

For the information of the Bureau and for inclusion in the Bureau's file in this case, I am enclosing herewith three photographs of the body of John Dickson which shows the condition of this man and the marks on his body at the time of his death. These photographs, being three in number, were obtained by Special Agent B. L. Damron of this Division from Jim Poulos of the Lee Hotel, Hot Springs, a confidential informant, and are being enclosed in a sealed envelope marked obscene.

It is requested that the Bureau provide the Little Rock Division with two photographic reproductions of these pictures for inclusion in its file.

Very truly yours,

John B. Little
JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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Edward J. Bremer

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 4, 1937

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a circular or handbill entitled "Does Crime & Sin Pay?" and upon which appears the photographic likeness of Rev. T. G. "Curley" Evans.

It will be noted from recent reports submitted by the Little Rock Division in this case and covering the results of telephone taps in operation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, that "Curley" Evans is now a detective assigned to the Hot Springs Police Department and is identical with the person described or mentioned in the enclosed circular or handbill as being Rev. T. G. "Curley" Evans.

This circular or handbill was obtained by Special Agent B. L. Damron of this Division from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers of the Hot Springs Police Department and is being forwarded to the Bureau for inclusion in the Bureau file in this case.

It is requested that a photostatic or photographic copy or reproduction of this circular or handbill be provided the Little Rock Division for inclusion in its file.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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Obtained By Special Agent B.H. Damon
from Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers.

Does Crime & Sin Pay?

LAW BREAKERS AND SINNERS HAVE A FALSE IDEA THAT IT DOES. THE BIBLE EASILY PROVES THE OPPOSITE. COME AND HEAR BOTH SIDES FORCEFULLY AND GRAPHICALLY PRESENTED BY THE



REV. T. G. "CURLEY" EVANS
(Undenominational)

He knows from experience both sides of life. He has been a hunted criminal. Hear him picture a life of crime and sin. Then came a great and most wonderful change. You will thrill as he gives you the picture of a remarkable conversion. Officers who once sought him now grasp his hand in sincere congratulation and praise for the great work he is doing.

COME RICH—COME POOR—COME ONE, COME ALL

He has a real message for you. It comes from the heart. He hits sin straight from the shoulder. Having lived both kinds of life, Rev. T. G. "Curley" Evans knows SIN DOES NOT PAY. He has the power and ability to convince you. He brings a most inspiring and helpful message. From the snares of Satan he has emerged and brings you a story of redemption, packed with human interest and hope for those in despair. His message is inspiring and soul-stirring.

**COME AND BRING THE FAMILY AND HEAR THIS
WONDERFUL, UNUSUAL, FORCEFUL AND SOUL-STIRR-
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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: BREKID.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 4, 1937, together with a circular entitled "Doe. Crime & Sin Pay?", on which appears the photographic likeness of Reverend T. G. "Curley" Evans.

In accordance with your request, there are attached hereto two photostatic copies of this circular.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: BREKID

A resume of the information of pertinent interest to this investigation, obtained from telephonic taps from December 31, 1936, up to and including January 14, 1937, is contained in the report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated January 21, 1937.

E. J. Connelley
Supervisor.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 4, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. A. R. Murphy, attorney, Washington, D. C. called at my office and stated that he had received a letter from one Sherman Manning, requesting that he represent Manning in his endeavor to collect the reward which had been offered for the apprehension of Alvin Karpis. Mr. Murphy wanted to secure the exact language used in offering this reward and I furnished him with a copy of the reward circular. He stated that he did not know whether he would represent Manning or not and was rather hesitant about furnishing any information. Mr. Suran informs me that Manning furnished no information helpful in the apprehension of Karpis. In fact, a review of the file does not disclose that Sherman Manning's name was mentioned in any connection in the Karpis case.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. Foxworth

*Well he will receive
no reward.*

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1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 8, 1937

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Recent investigation in the Cleveland Field Division disclosed that several years ago, and prior to the time Benson Groves went to Toledo, Ohio, he was very well known and had many associates in and around East Liverpool and Canton, Ohio.

This investigation disclosed that Benson Groves was very closely connected with one Phil Brennan and one Hap Webster who, prior to and during Prohibition, operated a saloon in the city of East Liverpool, Ohio. During the period that Brennan and Webster ran the above mentioned saloon, Benson Groves and Turk Brennan frequented this saloon.

Investigation in East Liverpool, Ohio, disclosed that about three years ago Turk Brennan was allegedly in Detroit, Michigan, but no definite address could be obtained for this individual in that city. However, Chief of Police Hugh McDermott of East Liverpool, Ohio, stated that in all probability Turk Brennan would be well known to the Detroit, Michigan Police Department and could probably be located through them.

In an interview with Phil Brennan, brother of Turk Brennan, no information could be extracted from him with reference to the present location of Turk Brennan, but in this interview Phil Brennan intimated that should Benson Groves go into the State of Michigan, he would go either to Detroit, or would contact Hap Webster who is at present running a gambling establishment in Flint, Michigan.

From numerous interviews had in East Liverpool, Ohio, the following is a brief composite description of Turk Brennan: Age, about 60 years; height, about 5'9" or 5'10"; weight, about 160 pounds; hair, gray; complexion, red; peculiarities, heavy drinker.

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In the interview had with Chief of Police Hugh McDermott, East Liverpool, Ohio, he stated that several years ago Turk Brennan was suspected of being implicated in a murder in Terre Haute, Indiana, and that he, Chief of Police McDermott, is under the impression that during this period either Turk Brennan was arrested in Terre Haute, Indiana, or the Terre Haute Police Department obtained photographs of Brennan from the East Liverpool Police Department. Chief McDermott further stated that the above mentioned murder was in connection with a search being made for two individuals by the name of Chapman and Anderson, and that to the best of his recollection some man "tipped off" the Police in Terre Haute as to the location of Chapman, whereupon Anderson and a man known as the "Wolf" subsequently murdered both this man and his wife.

The Indianapolis Field Division is requested to contact the Police Department at Terre Haute, Indiana and secure any available photographs of Turk Brennan which would assist in his location and surveillance for obtaining any possible information with reference to the whereabouts of Benson Groves. Photographs should be forwarded to the Detroit and Cleveland Field Divisions.

In an interview had with Ed Crowley, brother of Jumbo Crowley, at Wooster, Ohio, Crowley informed Agents A. P. Kitchin and L. F. Malone that he had not seen Benson Groves for the past four or five years, but that several years ago he and his brother Jumbo Crowley operated a saloon and gambling establishment in Canton, Ohio, and that during this period an ex-prize fighter by the name of Harry Turner was bar tender at this saloon. According to Ed Crowley, prior to the time that Harry Turner worked as bar tender for him and Jumbo Crowley, Jumbo Crowley was the manager of Harry Turner during the time he was a professional pugilist. Ed Crowley stated that in all probability if Benson Groves went to the State of Michigan he would contact Harry Turner, who at present operates a saloon in Flint, Michigan, located directly across the street from the Fisher Body Works. Crowley stated that if an Agent should contact Harry Turner, he should tell Turner that he was referred to him by Ed Crowley, and that Harry Turner would in all probability exert every effort to co-operate with the Agent in the location of Benson Groves.

The Detroit Field Division is respectfully requested to expedite investigation at Flint, Michigan, as it is thought at this time that Benson Groves may probably be in touch with Hap Webster, and due to the fact that Harry Turner can possibly be made an informant in this case it is thought advisable to immediately

conduct investigation in that city. It is also respectfully requested that investigation be conducted in Detroit, Michigan in an effort to locate Turk Brennan, as it is highly probable that Benson Groves may at this time be in touch with Brennan in Detroit.

Both the Indianapolis and Detroit Field Divisions are requested to give the above matters expeditious and preferred attention.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge,

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cc. Bureau
Indianapolis (2)
Cincinnati
Chicago

United States Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 4, 1937

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In connection with the telephone taps being maintained at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the above case, there is transmitted herewith a copy of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan dated February 3, 1937, at Hot Springs, Arkansas, from which it will be noted that the taps on the telephones of the Police Department and the Mayor's office were disconnected at 6:45 P. M. on February 3, 1937. It is anticipated that these taps will be reinstated sometime on February 5, 1937, or soon thereafter as deemed advisable, at which time the Bureau will be immediately notified.

It is quite apparent that the individuals referred to by Akers as having a tap on the telephone line of the Police Department are members of the legislative investigating committee.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. LITTLE
Special Agent in Charge

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cc E. J. Connelley
Cincinnati
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Memorandum to Special Agent in Charge, John B. Little

BREKID.

At 3.56 P.M. the following conversation was overheard over Telephone #123, listed to the Hot Springs Police Department, by the writer. The call was incoming and the party calling is believed to be Former Chief of Police Joseph Wakelin who spoke with Herbert "Dutch" Akers, Chief of Detectives.

Wakelin; That fellow is named Level. I got that letter back. He got 3 & 2 suspended sentence. I think we could get him. I would suggest, go to Mt. Ida and lay out on the road. He hit a restaurant at the point of a gun.

Akers. He did. Maybe it would be a good idea. I'll see them to see how far they will go. How are you feeling?

Wakelin; Not so good.

Akers; Can you get around?

Wakelin; I can in a car a little bit.

Akers; Things are still upset. They are still trying to get Leo (McLaughlin).

Wakelin; Who told you?

Akers; I was up to Little Rock and they told me. They are willing to put Jake (W.S. Jacobs) back in business, but they want to put someone else in charge of the (pause) money. They are shooting at Leo through Earl Witt. I have been doing a little work for them and I told Leo (McLaughlin) but he says we ought to sit tight.

Another man quit us yesterday and went with Level, that B-----. It sure ruined (phonetic) the department. Yes, but Williams did most of it. (There were a few faint clicks on the line at this point and Akers stopped short) They have got taps on this damn thing. I can hear someone on this line. (As Wakelin started to say something) Wait a minute. (About a half minute's pause) I can hear them every once in a while. There is a tap on G D _____. Thing. As I was saying I didn't get a thing off that car. I'll stop and see you and talk to you. (Hung up).

The writer did not hear anything over the tap of a suspicious nature but Akers' suspicions were for some reason aroused and after he apparently was satisfied that there was a tap on the telephone he almost immediately terminated the conversation and hung up. Under the belief that Akers would personally or through the Telephone Company have the lines of the Police Department checked, to ascertain definitely whether they were tapped, it was believed advisable to temporarily disconnect the taps on telephones 123, 446 and 646, especially since the tap on the residence telephone of W.S. Jacobs will probably be installed tomorrow and the discovery of any telephone at this time would probably nullify the present set-up in that little or no information of a confidential nature would be obtained through a telephone tap hereafter. The taps were disconnected by Special Agent J.M. Jones at 6.45 P.M. Thereafter as you ordered he returned to Little Rock

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The main telephone junction box where the taps were located and the area about the Police Department was kept under surveillance from the time of the above conversation until the taps were disconnected. No telephone men were seen in the vicinity. This surveillance will be maintained tomorrow and in case, there is no unusual activity in the vicinity of that junction box where the taps were located they will again be connected on the morning of February 5, 1937.

Respectfully submitted

D.P. Sullivan
D.P. Sullivan
Special Agent.

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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT		CINCINNATI, OHIO.		L.A.	FILE NO. 7-42
REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles	DATE WHEN MADE 2-5-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-27-37 & 2-1-37	REPORT MADE BY E. G. O'BRIEN AB		
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.		
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Postmaster TOM NESTER advised MILTON LETT of Mojave, California unknown to him. thirty-day mail cover has been placed on mail of PEGGY MIZE who has been residing at Mojave, California for the past two months with her husband, who Postmaster NESTER advised does not resemble MILTON LETT.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>					
<p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Report of Special Agent J. R. Welles, Oklahoma City, 12-31-36.</p>					
<p>DETAILS <u>AT MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA:</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The writer contacted Postmaster TOM NESTER of Mojave, who advised that PEGGY MIZE has been residing in that town for about two months; that she receives her mail care of General Delivery. He further advised that MR. MIZE calls for the mail occasionally. The writer displayed a photograph of MILTON LETT to Postmaster NESTER and he advised that MR. MIZE did not fit the description of LETT.</p>					
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The writer requested that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on all mail received by PEGGY MIZE and MR. MIZE.

The writer contacted Deputy Sheriff DON BRINK of Kern County, and with whom the writer has been acquainted for sometime, and questioned him regarding PEGGY MIZE. MR. BRINK stated he was not acquainted with PEGGY MIZE or MR. MIZE, but that he would endeavor to ascertain where they were residing.

The writer again contacted Postmaster NESTER who advised that he had spoken to MR. MIZE since last seeing Agent, and MR. MIZE had advised him he was employed on a mining project near Mojave, and that at the present time he was living in Capello's Court on I Street.

The writer again contacted Deputy Sheriff DON BRINK and requested him to conduct discreet inquiry in the neighborhood to ascertain whether MR. MIZE and MILTON LETT were identical. The writer left a photograph of MILTON LETT with Deputy Sheriff BRINK to assist him in this inquiry. Deputy Sheriff BRINK was instructed to keep this matter strictly confidential.

In view of the fact that MR. MIZE and PEGGY MIZE were out of town for the day, the writer was unable to observe them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, at Mojave, California, will report the results of the mail cover and again contact Postmaster TOM NESTER for any further information on instant case.

Will also contact Deputy Sheriff DON BRINK of Mojave for further information on instant case.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION will attempt to obtain further information concerning PEGGY MIZE, to assist the Los Angeles Field Division in conducting its investigation.

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February 6, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

On February 2, 1937, Mr. Willis E. Donley, an attorney of Menomonie, Wisconsin, called at the Bureau and furnished information that he was interested in the case of one Robert Newburn, who had been convicted of robbing the Kraft State Bank at Menomonie, Wisconsin on April 20, 1931.

Mr. Donley stated that in endeavoring to interview various individuals to establish the innocence of Newburn he had learned that Paula Harmon is presently residing in apartment #3, 2167 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

This information is being furnished to you in the event it becomes necessary to interview Paula Harmon in the near future.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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903 Pacific Commerce Building
437 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California

February 5, 1937

Mr. Thomas Nester
Postmaster
Mojave, California

BREKID

Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

This will confirm the oral request of Special Agent E. G. O'Brien of the Los Angeles division of this Bureau for a thirty-day mail cover on all mail received by PEGGY WIZE and MR. WIZE.

In furnishing tracings to this office, kindly refer to L. A. File 7-42.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.** FILE NO. **7-1**

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/5/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/14-30/37	REPORT MADE BY E. J. WYNN EJW:JR
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY, with aliases; DR. EPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 32, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Sally Jackson now receiving mail care of General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, under the name of Helen Vasany. Investigation at Toledo, Ohio disclosed that Joe Roscoe was in Miami, Florida, which led to his apprehension in that city; also that Benson Groves was supposed to be on the Brennan farm near Canton, Ohio, but investigation in Stark, Wayne, Tuscarawas, Columbiana and Jefferson Counties produced negative results in this regard. Turk Brennan allegedly in Detroit, Michigan three years ago, and Jack Woods allegedly a bar tender in Elm Grove, West Virginia, both former colleagues of Groves. Phil Brennan, East Liverpool, Ohio, and Ed Crowley, Wooster, Ohio, state they have not seen Groves for several years. Information received that Campbell or Karpis was held prisoner by Captain George Timiney and others in the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, shortly prior to Campbell's apprehension, but was released on payment of \$35,000.00. However, this rumor has not as yet been substantiated.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. J. Wynn, dated at Cleveland, Ohio, January 8, 1937.

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DETAILS:

At CLEVELAND, OHIO.

It is to be recalled, as set out in the letter from the Cleveland Field Division to the Bureau, dated January 13, 1937, that Sally Jackson and her sister Florence Jasany manifested a reluctant attitude to testify in conformity with those facts set out in the signed statements which had previously been secured from them. These two girls again called at the office of the Cleveland Field Division on January 14, 1937, at which time they were interviewed by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn, and still continued to assume a reluctant attitude with reference to testifying, although they were not as recalcitrant as they were at their first interview. It is believed that in the event they are desired as witnesses they will testify upon the issuance of a subpoena.

Sally Jackson advised that she has definitely left her husband, and that she is receiving her mail in care of General Delivery, Cleveland, Ohio, under the name Helen Jasany, and further, that under that name she is taking a beauty culture course at the Cleveland Academy of Beauty Culture, Cleveland, Ohio, expecting this course to cover a period of about nine months, so that in the event her location is desired she can no doubt be located through this school.

At TOLEDO, OHIO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein, on January 18, 1937, at Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Frances Selander, 254 Marion Street, Toledo, was contacted and interviewed with reference to the present whereabouts of Joe Roscoe. Miss Selander stated that about a few days prior to Christmas, 1936, she discontinued her employment at the home of Joe Roscoe, 3601 River Road, Toledo, Ohio. She stated that since the latter part of November, 1936, Joe Roscoe was in a very worried state of mind, and his actions did not appear to be the same as always; that during the month of December, 1936, Ganey Roscoe, wife of Joe Roscoe, began drinking to excess and became quite abusive; that a few days before Christmas, Mrs. Ganey Roscoe asked Miss Selander to sit with her in the living room of her home while Joe Roscoe was discussing business in the kitchen. Miss Selander stated that because her dishes were not yet washed, and as she wished

to get home early, she declined to sit with Mrs. Roscoe, at which she became very angry and abusive with her language. Because of these actions by Mrs. Roscoe, Miss Selander left the employ of the Roscoes.

In further discussing the instant matter, Frances Selander advised that it was between Christmas and New Year's Day that Joe Roscoe left for Florida, without his wife Ganey Roscoe. She stated that she had worked at the home of the Roscoes for the past two and one-half years, and this was the first time Joe Roscoe left for Florida without his wife. She stated that to her best knowledge Joe Roscoe departed from Toledo, Ohio, in his Buick Coupe, which bears Ohio license plates 3537-F, 1936; that at the time he left, Roscoe appeared very much worried; that as she left the home of Roscoe prior to his departure she was informed of Joe Roscoe's departure from Toledo, Ohio by the relatives of Ganey Roscoe. She advised that to her best recollection, Joe Roscoe proceeded to Miami Beach, Florida, and believes he is located on Pennsylvania Street or Avenue, and the house bears four numbers; that she does not remember the exact numbers.

Lulu Selander, mother of Frances, advised that she is a relief cook at the 42nd Street Cafe, each Monday night, and that while there she will endeavor to ascertain the exact location of Joe Roscoe. Periodical contacts are being maintained with Lulu Selander, Frances Selander, and Ethel Julert, a waitress employed at the 42nd Street Cafe, with a view to obtaining the exact location of Joe Roscoe at Miami Beach, Florida.

The following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein on January 19, 1937.

Frances Selander, 254 Marion Street, and Harry Manson, 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio, were interviewed and they furnished the following description of Joe Roscoe:

Name	- Joseph Roscoe
Aliases	- "Joe"
Age	- 46 years (August, 1891, born in Italy)
Height	- 5'8"
Weight	- 190 lbs.
Build	- Heavy - slightly humpbacked
Complexion	- dark
Hair	- black and wavy
Eyes	- blue
Mustache	- none
Condition of teeth	- fair
Scars	- none
Peculiarities	- smokes cigar continuously, in corner of mouth
Eyeglasses	- none

Detective Harry Manson, when interviewed, stated that on January 18, 1937, during the evening, his partner, Detective Carl Hartung, told a Toledo Blade news reporter that Joe Roscoe had left town; that he understands Roscoe left for Florida. Detective Manson further stated that Detective Hartung was very friendly with Roscoe, and on many occasions visited Middle Island. The best he could gather from the conversation between Detective Hartung and the Toledo Blade reporter was to the effect that Roscoe is believed to be stopping at a resort which is located across the river from the town of Everglades; that there is a point located at Everglades from which one may "holler" for a boat to take them across, and that this particular Island upon which the resort is situated is within calling distance from shore. Detective Manson also overheard that Roscoe does all his winter fishing at this point. Manson further related that he knows of his own knowledge that Joe Roscoe has an interest in the Triangle Gun Club at Miami Beach, Florida; that there was a possibility of Joe Roscoe visiting the headquarters of this organization located at Miami Beach, Florida. Manson also stated that Roscoe is closely connected with Gus Snyder, the "Slot Machine King", who operates in Columbus, Ohio, and is known to reside there.

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At 8:30 P.M., Miss Julert called the Commodore Perry Hotel and advised Agents that upon examination of the crate which contained the oranges, all she noted was Miami Beach, Florida, and there appeared to be no other addresses. However, she did observe a label on the crate which indicated the name and address of the fruit company which shipped the oranges. Agents requested that she obtain the name and address of this company, and she promised to make an effort to obtain this information on January 20, 1937, at which time she would have ample excuse to enter the cellar of the 42nd Street Cafe, and obtain the name and address of the shipper of the crate. Miss Julert was also requested to observe all mail and packages coming from Joe Roscoe, and the names and telephone numbers of the hotels at which Agents are staying were furnished to Miss Julert so that any information concerning the present whereabouts of Joe Roscoe might be available to Agents immediately upon its discovery by Miss Julert.

The following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio on January 20, 1937 by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein.

On January 19, 1937, former Chief of Police and Chief of Detectives Louis Haas of Toledo Police Department, telephonically contacted Special Agent W. P. Ellwood, requesting that Agents of this Bureau contact him with reference to information he possessed concerning the present whereabouts of Benson Groves. Agent Ellwood conveyed this information to reporting Agents.

On January 20, 1937, Agents contacted former Chief of Police Louis Haas at his home, 532 Jervis Street, Toledo, Ohio, where he furnished the following information. Mr. Haas stated that since his recent interview with Agents W. P. Ellwood and D. P. Sullivan, he had conducted discreet inquiry at the 42nd Street Cafe, 831 Broadway, in an effort to obtain information in connection with the whereabouts of Benson Groves. Mr. Haas further stated that his inquiries were unproductive; that he contacted Detective Art Langendorf of the Toledo Police Department and requested him to endeavor to obtain information relative to the present whereabouts of Benson Groves; that two days subsequent to his request Detective Langendorf came to Mr. Haas's home and advised him that he had spoken to Ganey Roscoe a few days before, and she informed him that Benson Groves was staying at the Brenan Farm, located on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio. During this conversation with Mr. Haas, he stated that Detective Langendorf also told him that Joe Roscoe was at the present time in Florida, probably Miami, and that he, Roscoe, was endeavoring to secure a passport to Italy, where he was planning to visit his mother.

The foregoing information was furnished immediately by telephone to Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland Field Division.

Ethel Julert, 218 Marion Street, Toledo, Ohio, a waitress at the 42nd Street Cafe, 831 Broadway, Toledo, was re-interviewed by Agents and she furnished the following. She stated that upon examining the crate in which the oranges were shipped from Florida by Joe Roscoe, she noted the following return address: Johnson Fruit Corporation, Shippers of Florida Citrus Fruit, Miami; and that in all probability Roscoe may have ordered the oranges from the aforementioned company.

In further discussing the instant matter, she stated that when the Toledo Newspapers carried items reflecting that Joe Roscoe was wanted, someone at the Cafe went to the cellar of the 42nd Street Cafe and destroyed the label which was pasted on the box, and that this label no doubt bore the return address of Joe Roscoe. Miss Julert further stated she had heard today that Dick Broadway was leaving on Saturday, January 23, 1937, for the open road; that the Broadways are all Gypsies; and that Dick's wife is alleged to be a fortune teller by trade. She stated that Jack Broadway, father of Ganey Roscoe, is planning to retire within the next few weeks, and from all indications it appears that the 42nd Street Cafe may be closed or turned over to new owners. She stated that the difficulty Joe Roscoe is in at the present time has been discussed openly at the 42nd Street Cafe. Miss Julert stated that no pertinent information was heard during these discussions other than the remark made by the Broadways, that "Joe was going to get into trouble for doing a friend a favor".

The following investigation was conducted at Toledo, Ohio by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein on January 23 and 25, 1937.

Louis Haas, former Chief of Police, 532 Jarvis Street, Toledo, Ohio, was re-contacted on January 23, 1937, in connection with any further information he may have obtained concerning the possible whereabouts of Benson Groves. Mr. Haas stated that he had re-contacted his informant, who advised him that Benson Groves could be located at "Turk" Brennan's brother's farm, which was located on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio. Agents informed Mr. Haas that investigation to date failed to disclose the location or identity of the Brennan farm. He then stated, that to his best recollection his informant definitely told him that Groves could be located at the same house where he was last arrested, the location of which may be obtained from his criminal record. The place where Benson Groves was apprehended a few years ago was located in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, so stated Mr. Haas's informant. This information was telephonically conveyed to Special Agent E. J. Wynn on January 23, 1937.

Detective Harry Manson, Toledo Police Department, was contacted at his home, 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio, and he stated that he was advised by one of his informants that a telegram was sent from Miami Florida, through the Postal Telegraph, to someone at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, on January 13, 1937. This information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland at Cleveland, Ohio, by telephone.

Agents were instructed to endeavor to ascertain the name of the person receiving this telegram, and its contents, if possible. Mr. Manson, when re-contacted, stated definitely that the telegram he made reference to was sent on January 13, 1937.

On January 25, 1937, Agents contacted J. W. Murphy, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, located at 235 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Murphy conducted a thorough search of his records for January 13, 1937, but failed to locate any telegram received from Miami, Florida for any individual at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. Agents thereupon re-contacted Detective Harry Manson and he was advised that after a careful search made by the Postal Telegraph Company authorities they failed to locate any telegram coming from Miami, Florida, to the Algeo Hotel. Detective Manson thereupon advised Agents in strict confidence that the instant telegram was dated the 13th of January and was addressed to Detective Art Langendorf. Agents again contacted Mr. Murphy, Manager at the Postal Telegraph, and upon conducting a second search under the name given, the following record was disclosed. The original telegram is being quoted herewith:

*2:54 P.M., Miami, Florida - 13-1233

"Art Langendorf
Algeo Hotel
Toledo, Ohio

Ship fifty lb fish to the Elks Club to H. Zahrly.

Roscoe."

For the information of the record, it will be well to note that Mr. Zahrly, who is President of the Elks Club, Toledo, is a very close friend of Joe Roscoe, as will be noted in the files of this case and from previous interviews conducted with Mr. Zahrly by Agents of this Bureau in connection with the Harboring cases at Toledo, Ohio.

The information developed by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein with reference to the reported location of Joe Roscoe in Miami, or Miami Beach, Florida, was communicated to the Bureau, as covered in separate correspondence in this case, and also to the Miami Field Division, which resulted in the apprehension of Joseph Roscoe at Miami Beach, Florida.

The information with reference to Benson Groves being on a farm known as the "Brennan" farm near Canton, Ohio, was covered by investigation performed by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn from January 21 to 23, 1937, inclusive.

In an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of a farm known as the Brennan farm in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, Special Agent A. P. Kitchin, at the County Court House, Canton, Ohio, checked the records of the Auditor, Surveyor, Map Department, and interviewed Sheriff Joe Nist, Prosecuting Attorney A. C. L. Barthlemey, W. T. Grether, Superintendent of the Bureau of Identification, Detective Sam Bennett and Detective Tom Lloyd of the Canton, Ohio Police Department, as well as checking the records in the office of the County Agricultural Agent. No information was developed as to the location of any farm known as the Brennan farm in Stark County, Ohio.

In a further effort to locate any such farm, Mr. W. G. Saxton of the First National Bank and Mr. Clark Metzger, an abstractor of forty-three years experience in Stark County, Ohio, were interviewed; the city directory for Canton, Ohio and the rural directory for the immediate vicinity were examined; marriage records checked, Probate Court dockets reviewed, all without producing any results as to the location of a Brennan farm in that vicinity or, as a matter of fact, the presence of any Brennan family.

On January 22, 1937, Special Agent E. J. Wynn contacted Mr. W. E. Sheets, Superintendent of Mails, Canton, Ohio, who caused a thorough search to be made of all rural delivery records of the Canton Post Office. This resulted in finding the names of Glenn Brannan and Albert Brennan as receiving mail on Rural Route # 4, but inquiry made by Mr. Sheets at that time failed to result in learning the exact location of these parties on the rural route.

On January 25, 1937, Special A. P. Kitchin again contacted Mr. Sheets, and he advised that he had checked the records further, and had also talked with all mail carriers on rural routes out of Canton, Ohio, but had been unable to obtain any information with reference to a farm known as the Brennan farm, or the location of any persons by the name of Brennan living in the rural vicinity of Canton, Ohio. He further advised, with reference to Glenn Brannan, that the records disclosed that this party had not resided on Route # 4 since 1929, and that upon leaving this route he left no forwarding address. It was the opinion of Mr. Sheets that Glenn Brannan only resided on Route # 4 for a very short period and was not personally known to the carrier of whom he inquired. With reference to Albert Brennan, he stated that he could find no record whatsoever of this individual being on Route # 4 at the present time, and that Albert Brennan was not personally known to the carrier of Route # 4. No forwarding address was found for this individual.

It is to be recalled that Edward Brennan, an underworld character of Akron and Canton, Ohio, has been previously mentioned in this investigation as an associate of Joe Rich of Canton, Ohio.

Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn interviewed Mrs. Irene A. Brenn, 1517 - 17th Street, N.E., Canton, Ohio, who advised that she was married to Edward O. Brenn, the latter being generally known as Eddie Brennan, the underworld character referred to. She stated that she is presently divorced from him, and that the last she heard of him he resided some place in Akron, Ohio. She was contacted inasmuch as it was thought that Edward Brennan was the correct name of this individual, and that perhaps he might have owned a farm known as the Brennan farm.

Mrs. Brenn also stated, with reference to the associates of her former husband, that she knew he associated at one time with Eddie Seamon and Jake Gilmore, and also with Joe Rich, all of whom had at one time resided in Canton, Ohio. She stated that about two years ago Eddie Brennan was arrested on a farm near North Canton, Ohio, owned and operated by Frank L. Hinkle. She stated that this is the only farm, to her knowledge, which her former husband frequented, but that this farm was never known as the Brennan farm. With reference to the present location of Eddie Brennan, she stated that she had recently been informed indirectly that Eddie Brennan was deceased, having been murdered in Akron, Ohio, and that at the time she was also informed that he was staying with a Negro known as "Lucky", a character well known to the Akron Police. Mrs. Brenn stated that her former husband's family resides at 680 Sherman Street in the City of Akron, Ohio, and that he has a sister known as Estre Brenn who is employed at the Stroupe Realty on North Howard Street, in Akron, Ohio.

The records of the Canton, Ohio Police Department were examined by Special Agent E. J. Wynn, and it was ascertained that the last arrest of Benson Groves was made by former Police Officer Ed Swope. This was the arrest in connection with the robbery of the Steubenville, Ohio Post Office, in which Benson Groves was sentenced to serve a term of five years in the Penitentiary. The records indicate that the arrest was made on the outskirts of Canton, Ohio, and Lieutenant Grether stated it was his recollection that the arrest was made on a farm which was at that time occupied by George Green, who was a well known character in Canton, Ohio, and who is presently reported to be residing in Toledo, Ohio, allegedly employed as a bar tender, his exact location in that city, however, being unknown.

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn interviewed former Police Officer Ed Swope, who presently resides on a rural route out of Canton, Ohio. He stated that he, together with the Post Office Inspector, arrested Benson Groves on a farm about three miles from Canton, Ohio, which was at that time occupied by George Green; that George Green had since moved to Toledo, Ohio, exact address unknown; and that he understood that the farm was deserted at the present time, calling attention to the fact that George Green did not own the farm, but had occupied it as a tenant.

Mr. Swope advised that he was acquainted with Benson Groves, having, in years gone by, met him and observed him in Canton, Ohio. He stated that an old "Soup" man by the name of "Turk" Brennan was an associate of Benson Groves in years past in Canton, Ohio, and that Turk Brennan has a brother by the name of Phil Brennan who is a "Bookie" at East Liverpool, Ohio, and it was his understanding that Phil Brennan possibly had a farm in the vicinity of East Liverpool, Ohio. He further stated that he knew of no other Brennan family in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, and expressed the opinion that Agents' information with reference to a Brennan farm no doubt related to the Phil Brennan of East Liverpool, Ohio. Further investigation with reference to this angle appears subsequently in this report.

On January 20, 1937, information was telephonically received from Sergeant Ulmer of Massillon Barracks of the State Highway Patrol, by Special Agent in Charge J. P. MacFarland, to the effect that the Chief of Police at Dover, Ohio had received information from some woman residing in or near Dover, that a party greatly resembling Benson Groves had been to her house on that date.

At DOVER, OHIO.

On January 21, 1937, Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn contacted Chief of Police Frank H. Javens of Dover, Ohio, who advised that Mrs. Myrtle Harrison of 401 East Iron Street, Dover, Ohio, the wife of the general sales manager of a local steel mill, had observed the photograph of Benson Groves in a Cleveland, Ohio, newspaper and had reported to him that a man strongly resembling the photograph had appeared at her home under the guise of a tramp begging for money.

Accompanied by Chief of Police Javens, Agents interviewed Mrs. Myrtle Harrison at her residence, and she advised that at about noon on January 20, 1937, a man called at her home begging for food and money; that he appeared to be a man of somewhat past middle age, about 5'6" in height, with noticeable brown eyes and poor teeth. She especially noted that he had one snaggle tooth on the left side. She advised he wore a long dark overcoat, blue denim overalls, and on the whole did not appear to look like a regular hobo. Upon leaving her house he walked down the street in the direction of New Philadelphia, Ohio. She stated that later in the day she observed a picture of Benson Groves in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and because of the striking similarity between the photograph and the man who had called at her house, she immediately notified the Chief of Police. She had no further information to offer, and while she would not make a positive identification, she did state that there was a strong resemblance.

Chief of Police Javens stated that upon receipt of the information from Mrs. Harrison he had immediately instructed all officers of his Police Department to be on the lookout for the individual, and that they had searched several hobo "hangouts" but had not been able to locate the described person.

At NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

Chief of Police Javens accompanied Agents to New Philadelphia, where Chief of Police E. H. Gintz was contacted and furnished with a photograph of Benson Groves. He advised that he had received no complaints with reference to a person such as the one described by Mrs. Harrison, and that no such person had applied to the jail for sleeping quarters.

Located near New Philadelphia is the Tuscarawas County Infirmary which has facilities available for itinerants and is generally known to most hoboes who travel in that particular section of the country. Mr. F. M. Wills, Superintendent, and his wife, were contacted, and advised that no such person as the one described by Mrs. Harrison had applied to the Infirmary for refuge. Mr. Wills was furnished with a photograph of Benson Groves, which he examined very carefully and also exhibited to various employees of the Infirmary. At the time investigation was made at the Infirmary, there were several "bums" quartered there, and they were viewed by Agents, but none of them answered the description of Benson Groves or the man described by Mrs. Harrison.

At MASSILLON, OHIO.

In a further effort to locate a Brennan farm in the vicinity of Canton, Ohio, Mr. Fred Justus, Postmaster of Massillon, Ohio, which town is located approximately ten miles from Canton, Ohio, was contacted, and advised that he knew of no Brennan family living in the rural vicinity of Massillon, Ohio, nor did Post Office rural records indicate any such family living in that community.

As set out earlier in this report under investigation conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein at Toledo, Ohio, information was received that the Brennan farm referred to by their informants at Toledo, Ohio, was that of the brother of Turk Brennan, or was the farm on which Benson Groves was arrested at Canton, Ohio in the past.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents Lee F. Malone and A. P. Kitchin.

At CANTON, OHIO.

On January 25, 1937, the above Special Agents again contacted Mr. A. C. L. Barthlemey, Prosecutor for Stark County, at which time

Mr. Barthlemey informed that he had made inquiries among his older friends in the County, and that he had been unable to obtain any information whatsoever relative to any farm known as the Brennan farm. Mr. Barthlemey stated that Bill Kimmel, a local character in Canton, Ohio, now owns a farm located about eight or nine miles North of Canton on Highway No. 43 beyond Cairo, Ohio, and that Kimmel is known to have harbored criminals years ago. Mr. Barthlemey stated that this would be the only farm of which he has any knowledge that could be the farm in question.

Mr. Ira A. Manderbaugh, Chief of Police, City of Canton, Ohio, was contacted by Agents, at which time he informed that the property on which Benson Groves was arrested, as previously referred to, was at one time rented by George Green from Harry E. Fife, a local real estate dealer, with offices at 108 Third Street, S.E. Chief Manderbaugh telephonically ascertained from Mr. Fife, under the pretext of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the above mentioned farm is presently occupied by a young couple. b7E

Chief of Police Manderbaugh also at this time stated to Agents that at one time Jumbo Crowley ran a gambling house in Canton, Ohio with his brother Ed Crowley, and that for a number of years prior to Jumbo Crowley's death in 1935, the places operated by the Crowley brothers were "hangouts" for various types of criminals. Chief Manderbaugh stated that Tal Sullivan, a brother-in-law of Jumbo Crowley, at present operates the place formerly operated by Jumbo Crowley, located near the corner of Third and Cherry Streets in the City of Canton, Ohio; and that Ed Crowley at present resides in and operates a place located near Wooster, Ohio.

Chief Manderbaugh stated that he had never heard of anyone by the name of Brennan owning any property in or around Canton, Ohio, with the exception of Eddie Brennan, whose correct name is Edward O. Brenn, who owned what is now known as the Dew Drop Inn, which is now located at 325 Cherry Street, and is operated by Danny Jones. Chief Manderbaugh stated that he has often heard of Benson Groves and probably knows the man personally, but that he had never heard of Groves being in the company of any of the younger crowd such as Eddie Brennan, Danny Jones and the local "hoodlums" in Canton, Ohio.

Agents interviewed Harry E. Fife at 108 Third Street, S.E., at which time he informed Agents that up until about three years ago he rented a small chicken farm to George Green, and that this farm is located about 2 1/2 miles southwest of the City of Canton, and is at present occupied by a young couple who have recently married. He searched his records

but could not find the name of this couple who at present occupy the farm. Accompanied by his nephew, Ed Fife, Agents proceeded to the above mentioned farm where, under the pretext of purchasing same, made a thorough examination of all buildings located on this farm. Nothing was found that would indicate that Benson Groves had any connection whatsoever with this place.

It was recalled by Special Agent Malone that several months ago while conducting an investigation in Tuscarawas County he had occasion to interview Deputy Sheriff Martin Meyer; that he recalled Martin Meyer's relating an incident that occurred in this County several years ago relative to the arrest of Tip O'Neil and some other individual whose name he does not recall. It should be noted here that Tip O'Neil is at present residing in Cleveland, Ohio and has been interviewed relative to the harboring angle of this case, and that he is a known friend and associate of Benson Groves.

At NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

Due to the facts related above, Agents proceeded to New Philadelphia, Ohio, where Martin Meyer, Deputy Sheriff, and Wayne Host, Sheriff, were interviewed. Deputy Meyer stated that he has known Benson Groves under the name of "Soup" Groves for several years, and that he has known Groves to associate with "old timers" in Tuscarawas County. He stated that he had not seen this individual for at least twenty years.

With reference to the arrest of Tip O'Neil, Deputy Meyer stated that some time around 1923 he arrested Tip O'Neil and Joe Burch in Dennison, Ohio, and that both were returned to Cleveland, Ohio by the Cleveland Police Department. He stated that he was of the opinion that Joe Burch is now deceased, having been killed in Chicago. He also stated that Soup Groves was known to associate with "Dada" Mahood, but that he recalled having heard several years ago that Mahood was killed somewhere near Toledo, Ohio when an automobile in which Mahood was riding was blown to pieces by nitroglycerin being transported in the automobile. He also stated that Groves was arrested by Captain Swope of the Canton, Ohio Police Department several years ago on a chicken farm either in Stark County or Harrison County.

Deputy Meyer stated, after being informed of the incident above related relative to the individual appearing at the home of Mrs. Myrtle Harrison in Dover, Ohio, that it was his opinion that Benson Groves would not come to Tuscarawas County as he was too well known, but that in view of the above facts he would immediately conduct a thorough investigation in the surrounding counties to ascertain from his contacts whether or not Groves had been seen in the vicinity recently.

During this interview Sheriff Host stated that a man by the name of Leggett, who owns a farm on Highway No. 39, about seven miles northwest of New Philadelphia, had been to him about ten days prior to this interview and stated that someone was occupying the above farm without his permission. Sheriff Host stated that he made an investigation shortly thereafter and ascertained that someone was evidently occupying the abandoned premises of Mr. Leggett as he found bed clothing and evidences that a fire had been built in the grate of this home.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Martin Meyer and Sheriff Wayne Host, Agents proceeded to the above mentioned farm in anticipation of raiding same, but upon arrival at this place it was ascertained that Russel Strohmer and his wife were occupying the premises, having rented same from Mr. Leggett about five days prior to this occasion. Strohmer stated that upon his arrival at the farm he had found evidences of same having been occupied, due to some old bed clothing and cigarette stubs on the floor of the front room. Strohmer was thoroughly questioned, but could furnish no further information with reference to the identity of the unknown parties who had occupied this place. Sheriff Host stated that he would make an investigation with reference to the other abandoned houses located in this community, in an effort to ascertain who the unknown parties were, and would notify the Cleveland Field Division.

At NORTH CANTON, OHIO.

On January 28, 1937, in view of the information furnished by Mrs. Irene A. Brenn relative to the Hinkle farm, Agents contacted Mr. E. L. Warstler, Superintendent of the North Canton Branch of the Post Office. Mr. Warstler stated that Frank L. Hinkle, who resides about one-half mile from North Canton on Rural Route No. 7, had occupied his premises for the past two or three years. He stated that he recalled the incident when Eddie Brennan was arrested on this farm, and that since that time he has not known of any individuals residing at the Hinkle place other than Frank Hinkle and his immediate family. Mr. Warstler discreetly interviewed H. H. Berden, carrier for the above mentioned rural route, and ascertained from Mr. Berden that the large dwelling on the Hinkle premises was not at present being occupied, but that Hinkle and his family were residing in the smaller house. He stated that according to Berden, Berden has occasion to go to this house almost daily with deliveries of mail, and that he has not observed anyone other than the Hinkle family residing at this place.

Inquiry was also made of Mr. Warstler as to anyone by the name of Groves, Grayson or Greyson receiving mail through his office, to which he stated that he had no record of same, but that he would maintain a watch on all mail and would notify the Cleveland Field Division in the event any such mail made its appearance.

At HARTVILLE, OHIO.

In view of the information furnished by County Prosecutor Barthlemey relative to Bill Kimmel, Agents proceeded to Hartville, Ohio, where Postmaster H. B. Merkle was interviewed. He stated that William B. Kimmel resided with his family on Route No. 1, and that he recalled no mail being received in care of this family for any individual other than the immediate family.

J. R. Hochstetler, carrier for Rural Route No. 1, stated that he had been carrying mail on this route ever since Kimmel had been residing at his present place of residence. He stated that he had noticed an old man residing at this farm, but that this old man had been living there for the past four or five years. He was shown a photograph of Benson Groves, at which time he stated that it in no way resembled the party to whom he referred. Mr. Hochstetler referred Agents to Mr. R. A. Booth who resides directly across the road from the Kimmel farm.

Mr. R. A. Booth stated that he had occasion to observe most of the activity on the Kimmel farm, and that he has not seen any strangers on this farm within the past seven or eight months. He was shown the photograph of Benson Groves, and stated that he had not seen any individual in the community who resembled same. Mr. Booth also related that the old man living with William B. Kimmel was the father of Kimmel and had resided with him for the past four or five years.

It was not thought advisable at this time to openly interview William B. Kimmel.

At ALLIANCE, OHIO.

Postmaster C. L. Greenmeyer at Alliance, Ohio, informed Agents that his records did not disclose anyone by the name of Brennan residing in the rural vicinity of Alliance. He also stated that he had been a resident of this community all of his life, and that he did not recall any property in the vicinity of Alliance being known as the Brennan farm. He caused a search to be made of the General Delivery records, and no record whatsoever was obtained relative to anyone by the name of Groves, Grayson, or Greyson receiving mail at this office.

At MASSILLON, OHIO.

In the absence of Fred Justus, Postmaster at Alliance, Ohio, Mr. Charles A. Camp, Assistant Postmaster, was interviewed. He stated that inquiry had been made by Mr. Justus of the rural carriers out of this Post Office with reference to the Brennan farm, but that these inquiries resulted negatively. Mr. Camp stated that the Post Office records reflect that Mrs. Minnie M. Brennan was receiving mail at 311 Fifth Street, S.W., in the City of Massillon, Ohio, and that this is the only Brennan of record in this Post Office.

Mrs. Minnie M. Brennan, 311 Fifth Street, S.W., was interviewed by Agents in an effort to ascertain something with reference to the Brennan family and any other Brennans who might be located in Stark County. Mrs. Brennan related that she knew very little with reference to her husband's family, but that she was positive that he had no brothers, or any other relatives in the County by the name of Brennan, with the exception of an old maid sister who at present resides with her. She also inquired of the above mentioned sister with reference to any place known as the Brennan farm, but neither lady could recall any such property in Stark County.

Bob Smith, Acting Chief of Police, Massillon, Ohio, stated that he had never heard of any property known as the Brennan farm in the vicinity of Massillon. He telephonically contacted George Notman, Municipal Court Bailiff, who is about seventy years of age and for a period of about fifty years was engaged in real estate in the City of Massillon. Mr. Notman had no information whatsoever relative to any Brennans in the County. Mr. Smith also contacted the Chairman of the Stark County Milk Producers' Association, with negative results.

At WOOSTER, OHIO.

Agents proceeded to Wooster, Ohio, where Chief of Police Yost and Sheriff Edward Mills were interviewed. Both of these individuals were furnished the photograph of Benson Groves, and they stated that they would cause an investigation to be made in Wayne County in an effort to see whether or not there is any such farm as the Brennan farm in Wayne County, and whether or not Benson Groves is known in that vicinity.

Chief of Police Yost stated that Ed Crowley, brother of Jumbo Crowley, was presently residing about four miles East of town on Highway No. 30, and that since Crowley has been known to Chief Yost he has been operating a respectable restaurant and has the reputation of serving the best food in the vicinity of Wooster. According to both Chief Yost and Sheriff Mills, Ed Crowley has a good reputation for the past two or three years, and apparently is operating a very respectable place. Sheriff Mills stated that there were two or three spots in the County which he would have a Deputy in plain clothes contact on the following Saturday night, and that he would advise the Cleveland Field Division in the event any information whatsoever was obtained.

Agents proceeded to the place operated by Ed Crowley, where the premises were observed, and there was no evidence that anyone resembling Groves was residing at this place.

At EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

In view of the information previously given in this report

with reference to the fact that Groves was allegedly on a farm owned by the brother of Turk Brennan, Agents proceeded to East Liverpool, Ohio, where the following investigation was conducted.

Postmaster Ralph Benedum was interviewed. Mr. Benedum stated that for two terms, up until about two years ago, he was Mayor of the City of East Liverpool, Ohio; and that he knows Phil Brennan and has known him ever since Brennan came to East Liverpool about thirty-five years ago. Mr. Benedum stated that Brennan is very closely connected to the present Administration, and that any contact with the Sheriff's Office or Police Department in East Liverpool would immediately be relayed to Phil Brennan. Mr. Benedum stated that Brennan has been a local gambler, operating a bar room prior to and during Prohibition in East Liverpool, later opening a gambling house; that in 1926 when he, Benedum took office as Mayor of East Liverpool he forced Brennan to leave East Liverpool, and that to the best of his recollection Brennan then went to Flint, Michigan where he operated a gambling hall until the present Administration came into office.

Mr. Benedum stated that he knew of no one on the present Police force who could be trusted to obtain information relative to Phil Brennan without such inquiry becoming known to Brennan himself. He did state, however, that George P. Curran, formerly on the East Liverpool Police force, and at present employed as a Special Investigator for the Prosecuting Attorney of Columbiana County, was thoroughly trustworthy and could probably assist Agents in obtaining some information with reference to Phil Brennan and his possible contacts.

Mr. Benedum was also asked whether he knew of any farm in the County owned by either Phil Brennan or his brother Turk Brennan, whereupon Benedum stated that he knew of no property owned by either Phil Brennan or Turk Brennan other than a home in which Phil Brennan now resides at 430 West Fifth Street in the City of East Liverpool. Mr. Benedum stated that he only knew Turk Brennan by reputation, and that to his knowledge he has never seen this individual. Mr. Benedum also caused a search to be made of the rural routes operating out of East Liverpool, but could obtain no information whatsoever relative to any persons by the name of Brennan residing out of the City of East Liverpool. He also stated that no one by the name of Groves, Grayson, or Greyson was receiving mail through his Office.

At NEW CUMBERLAND, WEST VIRGINIA.

Due to the fact that Brennan is so closely connected with the present Administration in East Liverpool, it was thought advisable to ascertain from some other outside source as to what contact could be made with any law enforcement official in East Liverpool which might be productive, whereupon Agents proceeded to New Cumberland, West Virginia,

which is located about eight miles down the Ohio River from Chester, West Virginia, which town is located immediately across the river from East Liverpool, Ohio.

At New Cumberland, Trooper Scott of the West Virginia State Police, who covers Chester, West Virginia, was interviewed with reference to anyone personally known to him on the Police or Sheriff's force at East Liverpool. Trooper Scott stated to Agents that although he has had occasion to go to East Liverpool on investigations, he has never contacted anyone on the Police force due to the rumored reputation of the individuals employed in that Department. Trooper Scott stated that he knew of no one who could assist Agents in East Liverpool who would keep confidential any inquiries made by Agents. Trooper Scott was furnished a photograph of Benson Groves, and upon viewing same stated that the photograph was very familiar and that it was his opinion that he has seen this individual somewhere around New Cumberland, West Virginia. He stated that he would conduct an immediate investigation and advise the Pittsburgh Field Division in the event he obtained any information relative to the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

At LISBON, OHIO.

George P. Curran, Special Investigator for the County Prosecutor, stated that he had known Phil Brennan for a number of years, and that he knew him to be a personal friend of Chief of Police McDermott in East Liverpool. When shown a photograph of Benson Groves, Investigator Curran stated that he had heard recently that "Soup" Groves had been in East Liverpool about three weeks prior to Christmas, 1936, but that this information came from an unrecalled source and that he had not paid very much attention to the information at the time. He stated that he would endeavor to obtain some information relative to Benson Groves and would inform Agents if he were contacted at a later date. During the time of this interview Investigator Curran was engaged in testifying in a murder case which was being tried in this city, and therefore no extended interview could be had at this time. He did state, however, that Phil Brennan, together with several parties from Wellsville, Ohio, had rented a place on Highway No. 7, about one-half mile South of Wellsville, where a crowd from both Wellsville and East Liverpool congregated for gambling activities. He stated that he would obtain more information relative to this and would inform Agents on their next contact.

On January 29, 1937, Investigator Curran was again contacted, at which time he stated that he had made some investigation with reference to Soup Groves, and ascertained that Groves was very well known in the City of East Liverpool; that he had talked with several people who frequent Phil Brennan's "bookie joint" located above Heimie's Cigar Store on the corner of Sixth and Washington Streets, but that no information

could be obtained that would confirm the rumor that Groves had been in East Liverpool three weeks prior to Christmas, 1936. He stated that he had several contacts that frequent Phil Brennan's gambling "joint", and that he would probably obtain information in the event Groves made his appearance at this place. Curran also stated that he had ascertained that the place operated by Phil Brennan South of Wellsville, Ohio, was at present closed, and that he had made inquiries in the neighborhood and had ascertained that no one was staying at this place at this time.

Curran stated that he had also made inquiries as to the whereabouts of Turk Brennan, but that so many different stories had been told to him with reference to Turk Brennan that he could not come to any conclusion. He advised that it was reported that Turk Brennan was deceased, and also that he was last known to be in Detroit, Michigan, address not known. Curran stated that several years ago Phil Brennan and "Hap" Webster operated a saloon in Diamond Alley in East Liverpool, and that during that time Benson Groves frequented this saloon. He stated that he had ascertained that Hap Webster is at present operating a gambling house in or near Flint, Michigan, and that he is of the opinion that should Groves go to Flint, Michigan, he would contact Webster.

With the assistance of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Louie Topin, the records of the Auditor's Office, and the deed records in the office of the Probate Court were examined, but no property could be found listed to Phil Brennan. The home located in East Liverpool, Ohio, is in the name of Alice Brennan, wife of Phil Brennan. Mr. Topin telephonically ascertained from the Clerk of the Court in Jefferson County, Steubenville, Ohio, that no property was listed in that county for either Phil Brennan or Turk Brennan.

At WELLSVILLE, OHIO.

It should be recalled that during and shortly after the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd at Wellsville, Ohio, some difficulty was had with reference to the co-operation of the local Police in Wellsville, Ohio, and since that incident the Police in that town have been very antagonistic toward the Bureau. Due to this fact it was not thought advisable to make any open interviews with anyone connected in any capacity with the present City Administration at Wellsville, Ohio.

Agents ascertained the premises known as the Annex to the Non-Partisan Club, which is located about three-quarters of a mile south of Wellsville on Highway No. 7, near Yellow Creek. It was observed that the lower portion of this two story dwelling was unoccupied, but the second story windows contained curtains and it appeared from the outside that the upper story was either being used intermittently, or that someone was occupying this portion of the house. However, subsequent investigation

disclosed that this place had not been used for a period of two or three months, and that no one was presently residing on these premises.

Mrs. Dale Kessell, Postmistress at Wellsville, Ohio, was discreetly interviewed, and the reason for Agents' presence in the community was not openly disclosed to her until she had committed herself with reference to the past Postmaster and present Administration in the City of Wellsville. Mrs. Kessell advised Agents that former Postmaster Earl Ewing and several other gamblers in the City of Wellsville had been frequenting the above mentioned place, but that for the past several months it has been rumored that this gambling establishment had been closed. She advised against any open interview with Earl Ewing or any other individual closely connected with the City Administration in the City of Wellsville.

Mrs. Kessell searched the rural records of the Wellsville Post Office, with negative results as to any Brennans located in the rural vicinity of Wellsville. She also stated that no one by the name of Groves, Grayson or Grayson was receiving mail through her Post Office, with the following exceptions, but that she would maintain a watch and would notify the Cleveland Field Division if any information was received. She stated that she had received mail at this Office for one Troxel Groves, and presently had a letter directed to Troxel Groves, General Delivery, from Dr. D. J. V. Rice of Wellsville, Ohio. She also stated that she had received mail for T. D. Groves and also one D. J. Groves, Box 122, Route No. 1.

Dr. D. J. V. Rice was interviewed at his office, at which time he stated that Troxel Groves was one of his patients, and also that Troxel Groves was a man of about thirty or thirty-five years of age; was recently married; and had at one time been employed by the Dunlop Tire & Rubber Corporation, 412 East Fifth Street, East Liverpool, Ohio. He also stated that T. D. Groves and Troxel Groves are identical. Due to the age of this individual, no further investigation was conducted in this regard.

Mrs. G. H. Crawford, who operates the Hillcrest Greenhouse located next door to the residence of D. J. Groves on Route No. 1, was interviewed by Agent Lee F. Malone. She stated that D. J. Groves was an elderly man and resided at the above address with his wife, and that they had lived there for about two or three years. She was shown a photograph of Benson Groves and she stated that it in no way resembled D. J. Groves. She also stated that she had seen no strangers at the D. J. Groves's residence, and that no one was presently residing with them.

At EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

After a telephonic discussion of the investigation thus far with Special Agent E. J. Wynn at the Cleveland Field Division, it was thought advisable to openly interview Phil Brennan.

On January 30, 1937, Phil Brennan was interviewed at his "bookie" place located on the third floor at the corner of Sixth and Washington Streets, East Liverpool, Ohio. Brennan was questioned at length with reference to his knowledge of the whereabouts of Benson Groves, but it was apparent at the outset of the interview that Brennan would not divulge any information which would assist in locating Benson Groves. In fact Phil Brennan frankly admitted that even if he knew the present whereabouts of Benson Groves he would not divulge same to Agents. He stated, however, that he would not tell Agents a lie with reference to Benson Groves, but that he had not seen Groves within the past ten or twelve years. He stated that even if he had seen him he probably would not divulge any details with reference to the fact, but that he could truthfully say that he had not seen Groves in the above period of time. Brennan stated that for the past thirty-five years he has been operating some form of illicit business in the City of East Liverpool, and that due to the fact that he operates a "square joint" he has done so with the sanction of the present Chief of Police whom he has known for the past thirty-five or thirty-six years. Brennan stated that prior to Prohibition he and Hap Webster, who is at present in Flint, Michigan, operated a bar room, and that during that period of time Benson Groves was a regular customer. Phil Brennan stated that of all the people in East Liverpool who know Benson Groves, he, Brennan, probably knows him better than anyone in the community. He also stated that Benson Groves is known to numerous people in East Liverpool and, as he expressed it, "every dog in town knows Soup Groves".

With reference to his brother Turk Brennan, Phil Brennan refused to disclose any information, but stated that he had received information that Turk was deceased, although he could offer no information that would tend to confirm this assumption. He stated that he recalled when Turk Brennan was a fugitive because of a Post Office job in Kentucky which was perpetrated by him and a man by the name of Webb, that Turk Brennan was subsequently arrested, but that he, Phil Brennan, managed to get the case dismissed. When questioned as to where the case was tried or where Turk Brennan was arrested, he refused to divulge any information in this regard.

Brennan frankly admitted that should Benson Groves return to East Liverpool, which he stated was not likely due to the fact that he was too well known, he would probably come to Phil Brennan immediately. Brennan then stated that should he obtain any information with reference to Groves, he would not divulge it to any Police Authorities, but would advise Groves not to contact him further, as he did not desire to become involved in any of his troubles. Brennan was then specifically advised that there was a

Federal warrant outstanding for the arrest of Benson Groves, and that should he assist or harbor Groves in any way he would be open to subsequent prosecution. Upon being advised of this fact, Phil Brennan stated that he did not wish to become involved with the "Law" in any way as he was an old man and did not desire his business closed; that upon reconsidering, if Benson Groves made his appearance in East Liverpool, or in the event he obtained any information relative to his whereabouts, he would see that the proper authorities were advised, although he would never agree to notify the Bureau, but intimated that he would advise Chief of Police McDermott. Brennan was interviewed at length, but no further information of value could be extracted from him.

Chief of Police Hugh McDermott was interviewed by Agents at his office in the City Hall. He stated to Agents that other than Phil Brennan, he, McDermott, probably knows Benson Groves better than any other individual in that community. He stated that he has not seen Benson Groves within the past ten or twelve years, but that at one time he knew Groves to be a regular frequenter of the bar room operated by Phil Brennan and Hap Webster. Chief of Police McDermott informed Agents that at the time Brennan and Webster were operating the above mentioned bar room, Jack Woods, a pal of Benson Groves, was bar tender for Brennan and Webster. He also stated that a man by the name of "Stoney" Stone; one "Blackie", last name unknown; Turk Brennan; and Benson Groves were operating together, and that all of this crowd together with Jack Woods frequently discussed their future jobs and past accomplishments at the bar operated by Phil Brennan and Hap Webster. Chief McDermott stated that Stone is now dead, and that he does not have any information that would identify this "Blackie". He stated that Jack Woods is alive, that he had heard a short time prior to this interview that Woods was somewhere in West Virginia, exact place unknown. He stated that he had heard two or three years ago that Turk Brennan was in Detroit, Michigan, but that he knew of no address for Brennan in Detroit and knew of no way to assist Agents in locating Turk Brennan in that city.

With reference to Turk Brennan, he stated that several years ago during an investigation to locate two Post Office robbers by the names of Chapman and Anderson who had killed a man and woman in Terre Haute, Indiana, Turk Brennan was arrested in Terre Haute, Indiana, and that photographs of Brennan would probably be on file at the Terre Haute Police Department. He stated in connection with the above incident that the murdered man had "tipped off" the officers on Chapman, whereupon Anderson and a man known as the "Wolf" had gone to the home of the informant and murdered both him and his wife. He stated Turk Brennan was either arrested on this occasion by the Terre Haute Police, or that the Terre Haute Police obtained photographs of Turk Brennan from East Liverpool, having suspected him of being implicated in the above murder. A lead is being set out for the Indianapolis Field Division to conduct an investigation at the Police Department at Terre Haute in an effort to obtain a photograph of Turk Brennan.

Chief McDermott stated that Benson Groves was born and reared in Benwood, West Virginia, which is directly across the river from Bellaire, Ohio where both he, McDermott, and Phil Brennan were born. He stated that an uncle of Benson Groves was at one time Chief of Police of Benwood and then served two terms as Sheriff in the County in which Benwood is located. He also stated that a majority of the relatives and early associates of Benson Groves in that community are supposedly reputable citizens. He also stated that a railroad detective who is employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, by the name of O'Neil, is familiar with Benson Groves and the rest of the gang that operated with Groves in that vicinity, and could probably assist Agents in obtaining some information relative to Groves's present whereabouts. Chief McDermott also stated that the "Casino Kid", whose correct name is Francis Gordon, knows all of the old crowd that associated with Benson Groves, and that he had heard rumors that Groves had been seen in the presence of the "Casino Kid" within recent months. He stated, however, that this rumor was unfounded and that he did not believe it to be authentic.

Chief McDermott sent word to the "Casino Kid", who appeared at the Police Department and was engaged, by Chief McDermott, in general conversation in the presence of Agents for a period of approximately two hours. It should be stated at this point that Francis Gordon, who is known as the "Casino Kid", is a narcotic addict, and at the time of this interview was apparently under the influence of narcotics. During the conversation very little information was gathered, with the possible exception of the fact that Jack Woods is at present employed as a bartender in Elm Grove, West Virginia, a suburb of Wheeling, West Virginia. It was also gathered from Gordon that Turk Brennan is deceased, and that he is probably in Detroit, Michigan. However, no further information was obtained in this regard.

Gordon stated that he had not seen Benson Groves since the failure of the Bank of Benwood in Benwood, West Virginia, when two of its officers were sentenced to long terms in the penitentiary. He stated that he could not place this date exactly, but that the officers who had been given the above terms had served these terms and had since been released. He stated that it must have been ten or twelve years ago that he saw or heard directly from Benson Groves. According to Gordon and Chief of Police McDermott, Benson Groves is apparently much older than is designated on the records at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, where it is stated that he was born in 1880. Both McDermott and Gordon were of the opinion that Groves is approaching seventy years of age. Both McDermott and Gordon viewed the photograph of Benson Groves in the possession of this Bureau, and stated that it is a good likeness of Groves.

but that he probably looks older now than when the above mentioned photograph was taken. Gordon also informed Agents that Groves wears glasses, and usually kept a neat appearance. It was the opinion of Francis Gordon that Benson Groves would never return to East Liverpool due to the fact that he is too well known in that vicinity.

Chief of Police McDermott informed Agents that he would keep a watch over the activities of the "Casino Kid", as he is of the opinion that should Groves return to East Liverpool he would probably obtain the services of the "Casino Kid" to maintain contact with either Brennan or some of his former associates, and that if he obtained any information he would immediately notify the Cleveland Field Division. Chief McDermott also stated that he would again engage Phil Brennan in conversation with reference to Benson Groves, and endeavor to impress upon Brennan the seriousness of this situation relative to the apprehension of Groves. He stated that he was of the opinion that should Brennan be in possession of any pertinent information, he, McDermott, could ascertain same. Chief McDermott also stated to Agents that he has known Phil Brennan long enough to know that Brennan would not lie to any Officer, but that if he possessed information he probably would refuse to give any answers to questions asked of him relative to same.

At WOOSTER, OHIO.

Agents again observed the place operated by Ed Crowley, and engaged in general conversation, William W. Leonard, an employee of Ed Crowley. Due to the fact that no information was obtained in this conversation, Agents' identity was disclosed to Leonard, whereupon he was openly interviewed with reference to any contact which had been made by strangers with Ed Crowley within the past few months. Leonard informed Agents that he had been employed by Crowley since September 4, 1936, and that since his employment he had not seen anyone contact Ed Crowley at this place, with the exception of one individual who was known to him as a "Mr. Meyers" from Canton, Ohio. He was shown the photograph of Benson Groves, whereupon he stated that he had never seen any individual at this place who resembled this photograph. He stated that he would bear the likeness in mind, and should anyone make his appearance at this place, who resembled in any way the photograph of Benson Groves, he would immediately contact the proper officials.

Ed Crowley was interviewed by Agents, at which time he stated that he had known Benson Groves for twenty or twenty-five years, but that he had not seen Groves for the past four or five years. He stated that the day before this interview Sheriff Mills had questioned him relative to Benson Groves, and therefore he immediately knew the reason for Agents' interview with him.

He informed Agents that for thirty-five or forty years he and his brother Jim Crowley, better known as "Jumbo" Crowley, had

operated a gambling house in Canton, Ohio, and also a roadhouse near Wooster, Ohio, which he presently operates. He stated that for a period of several years Benson Groves frequented their places, particularly the one in Canton, Ohio, but that due to the fact that a majority of the old associates of Benson Groves were deceased, he had not seen Benson Groves in several years. He did state that he heard that Benson Groves was working in Toledo, Ohio as a doorman at some gambling "joint", but that this is the last information he has had relative to Benson Groves. Crowley stated that the last of the associates of Benson Groves whom he had seen was Tip O'Neil, who came to Wooster to see him shortly after the death of Jumbo Crowley, which was in October of 1935.

Crowley was interviewed at length and he could offer no suggestions as to the location of Benson Groves, except that he mentioned Pat Riffle, a private detective in Canton, Ohio, who, he stated, knows Benson Groves personally and could probably be of assistance in his location. He also stated that during the time he and his brother Jumbo Crowley were running a bar room in Canton, Harry Turner, an ex-pugilist, was bartender. He stated that Harry Turner is at present operating a bar in Flint, Michigan, located directly across from the Fisher Body Works. He stated that in the event Groves went to Flint, Michigan, he would probably contact Turner, as he is well known to Turner. According to Ed Crowley, if Agents contact Harry Turner and inform Turner that they were referred to him by Ed Crowley, he will probably exert every effort to be of some assistance to Agents in the apprehension of Benson Groves.

During the above interview with Ed Crowley it was apparent that Crowley did not wish to directly cause the apprehension of Groves, but he stated indirectly that he knew Groves would be arrested sooner or later and stated it was his opinion that he would never be arrested in the State of Ohio or around his home in Benwood, West Virginia, but that he would probably be found in Florida, Cuba or California, and would probably be located in some cheap "flop" house. Crowley inquired of Agents as to any reward outstanding on Benson Groves, and was advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation did not offer any reward for this individual. The name and address of Special Agent in Charge of the Cleveland Field Division, and the telephone number, were left with Ed Crowley, who promised that if he obtained any information with reference to Groves he would immediately communicate same to this office. Crowley stated that he is at present operating a respectable restaurant, and that he does not wish to become involved in any other trouble, as he is approaching sixty years of age and desires to maintain his present good reputation in the vicinity of Wooster. He stated that he would gladly co-operate with this Bureau, not only in this matter, but in any other matter in which he could be of assistance.

At MANSFIELD, OHIO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. A. Ducommun at Mansfield, Ohio.

While conducting investigation in connection with other official matters, Agent Ducommun contacted Merle D. Unkle, Chief of Police of Mansfield, Ohio, who furnished the following information to the Bureau. Inasmuch as this memorandum submitted by Agent Ducommun was written in longhand, and not yet incorporated in previous reports in connection with the instant case, the facts in detail contained therein are being set forth herewith, and for reason that will be noted by subsequent investigation conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein at Toledo, Ohio.

Chief of Police Merle D. Unkle, Mansfield, Ohio, advised that recently while hunting in Toledo, Ohio, he met Ray Berning, a labor leader of Toledo; that in the conversation had, Berning told him that Harry Campbell was held prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, corner St. Clair and Jefferson Streets, Toledo, Ohio, for three weeks by Detective George Timiney, Chief Allen, and several others of the Toledo Police Department, until he, Campbell, raised \$35,000.00 for his release. Of this \$35,000.00 Timiney, Allen and the others all received a cut. The time Campbell was held at the Algeo Hotel was just prior to the time that he was apprehended in Toledo in May, 1936.

Unkle further stated that Berning is a Communist and is involved in Black Legion activities, and is worried that he may get into trouble because of his Black Legion activities.

Unkle further stated that Berning was well known in Toledo; that he had a brother on the Toledo Police force who is a good fellow. Unkle stated that if his former partner, Harry Manson, were contacted at the County Prosecutor's Office at Toledo, Ohio, he could point out Berning.

Unkle requested that if Berning is picked up and questioned by Bureau Agents, extreme care be used so that no inference is made that the information came from him about Berning. Unkle further advised that Berning spoke as though he knew of this matter from his own knowledge; that he, Unkle, had known Berning a number of years in Toledo and believed him reliable.

Unkle further stated that Berning had told him that he knew that Bureau Agents were in Toledo conducting an investigation concerning these matters. A description of Berning as received from Chief of Police Unkle, is as follows:

Name	- Ray Berning
Age	- 40 years
Height	- 5'10"
Weight	- 165 lbs.

Hair	- bald - brown around temples
Glasses	- wears glasses
Relatives	- has brother in Toledo Police Department
Occupation	- Labor Leader

At TOLEDO, OHIO.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents H. B. Dill and A. Dickstein at Toledo, Ohio.

In connection with the information furnished by Chief of Police Merle D. Unkle of Mansfield, Ohio, to Special Agent Ducommun, - in which Chief Unkle related that Captain George Timiney, Chief Allen and numerous other Police Officers of the Toledo Police Department had held Harry Campbell prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio until he, Campbell, had raised \$35,000.00 for his release, and that this amount was divided among Timiney, Allen and other members of the Toledo Police Department; that all this information was furnished by Ray Berning of Toledo to Chief Unkle; that Chief Unkle suggested that Detective Harry Manson of the Toledo Police Department be contacted with reference to the background of Berning and as to his present whereabouts - Agents contacted Detective Harry Manson at his home, 1476 Gould Road, Toledo, Ohio, and he furnished the following information concerning Ray Berning:

Manson stated that Ray Berning had lived in Toledo all his life; that he is a member of the American Legion, having fought over seas in the late World War; that Berning is an honest man and will no doubt do all in his power to assist the Government; that Berning is presently a leader of a local organization known as the "Legion of Action", which was formed for the purpose of combating Communism and Fascism in the State of Ohio; that the "Legion of Action" has recently been incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. Manson stated that upon learning of the application for the incorporation of the "Legion of Action" in the State of Ohio, he and his partner Detective Hartung were assigned to investigate the purpose of this organization; that their investigation disclosed that the purpose of the organization was to combat Communism and Fascism; and that it was the intention of this organization to introduce an Act in the Ohio State Legislature to eliminate the Communist Party from placing any names of their candidates on the election ballots.

Manson stated that to his knowledge Berning has never been connected with any part of the Communist Party, nor has he ever taken any active part in labor union activities; that Berning is well known and has a brother who is a Sergeant in the Toledo, Ohio Police Department; that Berning is at the present time associated with W. S. Thurstin, a practicing attorney, 921 Nicholas Building, Toledo, Ohio; that, however, Berning is not an attorney, but is associated with Mr. Thurstin with

reference to the "Legion of Action". Manson stated that Berning might easily be located at Thurstin's office, and he believes Berning, if contacted, will furnish information freely and will gladly render any co-operation to the Government.

Agents, after numerous attempts, located Ray Berning at 921 Nicholas Building, Toledo, Ohio, and he was interviewed there in the presence of his associate in the "Legion of Action", W. S. Thurstin. During the course of the interview the following information was obtained from them.

Berning stated that in September, 1936 he was advised by Cliff Scheuer, Merchants Finance Company, West Toledo, Ohio, that prior to Harry Campbell's apprehension in Toledo, Ohio, Captain George Timiney, with former Chief of Police Ray Allen, and a number of other Detectives of the Toledo Police Department, had held Alvin Karpis a prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo, Ohio, until such time as Karpis raised \$35,000.00 to obtain his release from them; that when this money was paid, it was divided among Captain Timiney, Chief Allen and a number of other Detectives of the Toledo Police Department; that this information was only hearsay, Berning having heard this from Cliff Scheuer. Mr. Berning stated that he did not want Scheuer to know where Agents obtained this information, and suggested that when Agents interview Scheuer, they ask him about the \$35,000.00 which was deposited in the banks of West Toledo, Ohio under several names, and which was, in time, to revert back to the present Toledo, Ohio Safety Director, John M. Eddy.

Although Berning did not state so directly, it will be noted from the above that he implied it was his information that the \$35,000.00 received by Chief Allen, Timiney and others, was deposited in West Toledo Banks, under several names, and is, after a certain time, to be paid in some indirect manner to the present City Safety Director, John M. Eddy. It will be noted that although Agent Ducommun's memorandum stated that Chief of Police Merle Unkle, Mansfield, Ohio, told him he had received information from Berning that Campbell had been held for the \$35,000.00 payment, Berning, upon interview, stated that it was Karpis, not Campbell, who was held prisoner at the Algeo Hotel, Toledo. Berning was discreetly questioned whether it was Campbell, but he, Berning, distinctly stated that it was Alvin Karpis.

Berning and Thurstin were asked if they had any direct evidence with reference to payoffs made to any City Officials at Toledo, Ohio, to which Berning answered that he did not.

Thurstin advised that an individual named Bert White, a former State of Ohio Liquor Inspector, located on the second floor of the Ohio Bank Building, Toledo, Ohio, has a great personal dislike for Captain

George Timiney; that White may be able to furnish information with reference to the activities of Captain George Timiney which he might have learned while in the position of Alcoholic Inspector for the State of Ohio.

Thurstin further advised that George Kapp, Jr., who was Safety Director at Toledo, Ohio for the first three months under Mayor Klotz's administration, was instructed by Mr. Price, who succeeded him as Safety Director, to contact Jimmy Hayes, the gambler, and obtain \$1500.00 from him; that Kapp advised him that he had collected the \$1500.00 from Jimmy Hayes, which he first took to Mayor Klotz, who took a few hundred dollars from the \$1500.00 and instructed Kapp to turn over the balance to the new Safety Director, Price; that the \$1500.00 was to furnish protection to Jimmy Hayes's gambling houses during the months of January, February and March, 1934. Thurstin stated that Mr. Kapp told him that he, Kapp, had collected this money personally from Hayes and had delivered the money personally to former Mayor Klotz and then to former Safety Director Price; that Kapp had expressed his desire to bring this and possibly other acts to the attention of the public, even if he had to appear before a Grand Jury to do so. Mr. Thurstin stated that he did not object to having his name mentioned to Mr. Kapp or Bert White in connection with this investigation.

Subsequent to Agents' interview with Mr. Thurstin and Mr. Berning, they furnished Agents with a copy of the application for membership in the Legion of Action, on the back of which are set forth the principles of the Legion of Action and the purposes of the organization for which it was founded. This application is being retained in the files of this case at the Cleveland Field Division. b7d

[REDACTED] will be interviewed in the very near future for any information in their possession concerning the payment of money to certain City Officials and to Captain George Timiney and others, as reflected in the interview with W. S. Thurstin and Ray Berning of Toledo, Ohio.

Due to the expeditious nature of the investigations necessary in the Indianapolis and Detroit Field Divisions, the requests for such investigations in these territories are being made by letter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION

Will conduct an extensive investigation along lines set out in letters from the Cleveland Field Division dated November 20, 1936 and January 6, 1937.

At WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA, will endeavor to locate Special Officer O'Neil of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and solicit his co-operation in the location of Benson Groves, as according to investigation at East Liverpool, Ohio, this man evidently knows Groves personally and will have knowledge of his associates.

At ELM GROVE, WEST VIRGINIA, will endeavor to locate John "Jack" Woods, who is allegedly working as bar tender in this city. It should be recalled that Jack Woods is a past colleague and associate of Benson Groves and will probably have valuable information relative to his present whereabouts. If investigation in Elm Grove discloses that Benson Groves is not in direct touch at present with Jack Woods, he should be openly interviewed and his co-operation solicited.

At MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, will again contact Deputy Sheriff Mahood and ascertain from him whether or not he is related to "Dada" Mahood, mentioned in the body of this report as having been a former colleague of Benson Groves. If Dada Mahood is known to Deputy Sheriff Mahood, the authenticity of the report that Dada Mahood is now deceased should be ascertained from him. If this report is unfounded, information should be obtained from him that would assist in the location of Dada Mahood.

The CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

At TOLEDO, OHIO, will continue contact with informants in that city, looking toward the location and apprehension of Benson Groves.

Will interview "Boilermaker" Webb for whatever information he might have with reference to the present location and whereabouts of Benson Groves.

Will continue investigation with reference to the alleged detention of either Campbell or Karpis in the Algeo Hotel, and his subsequent release on payment of \$35,000.00 to George Timiney and others.

At CANTON, OHIO, will interview the following people with reference to their knowledge of any contacts or the present whereabouts of Benson Groves:

William B. Kimmel, who resides about eight miles North of Canton, beyond Cairo, Ohio, his residence being on Route No. 1, Hartville, Ohio.

Danny Jones, who at present operates the Dew Drop Inn,
325 Cherry Street.

Private Detective Pat Riffle.

Tal Sullivan, brother-in-law of Jumbo Crowley, who at
present operates a saloon near the Dew Drop Inn, formerly owned by
Jumbo Crowley, deceased.

During the above interviews it should be borne in mind
that Benson Groves is allegedly very well known to the above people,
with the possible exception of William B. Kimmel; and due to the fact
that the Post Office Department has issued circulars designating that
Benson Groves is at present wanted in connection with the Garrettsville
Mail Train Robbery in November, 1935, these people should be openly
interviewed and advised that a Federal warrant is outstanding for the
apprehension of Groves.

At EAST LIVERPOOL, OHIO.

Will keep in touch with Chief of Police Hugh McDermott
for such information as he might obtain from Phil Brennan with reference
to the present whereabouts of Benson Groves. It should also be borne in
mind that Chief McDermott stated that he would cause surveillance to
be on the activities of Francis Gordon, alias the "Casino Kid".

At LISBON, OHIO.

Will keep in touch with County Detective George P. Curran
for such information as he may be able to develop with reference to the
whereabouts of Benson Groves.

At NEW PHILADELPHIA, OHIO.

Will keep in touch with Deputy Sheriff Martin Meyer and
Sheriff Wayne Host for such information as they might have been able to
develop with reference to the whereabouts of Benson Groves.

- PENDING -

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Cincinnati, Ohio.

L.R. FILE NO. 7-2

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 2/3/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/7-21/37	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON cps
TITLE GEORGE TIMINNEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1232, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On Jan. 14, 1937 a resolution was adopted by Representatives, State of Arkansas, initiating an investigation of lawless conditions in the 18th Judicial Circuit, which includes Hot Springs, and said investigation now in progress. Conversations overheard through taps and related herein, disclosing efforts by Mayor McLaughlin to block introduction of resolution and tip-off as to raid by State Rangers. Subsequent conversations indicate legislative investigation may be farce.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent B. L. Damron, Little Rock, Ark., dated Jan. 4, 1937.

DETAILS:

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

By virtue of the telephone taps being maintained by Special Agents J. L. Madala, R. A. Snow, and G. R. McSwain at Hot Springs, Arkansas, it was discovered that Mayor McLaughlin of Hot Springs made strenuous efforts to block the introduction of a resolution in the House of Representatives, which resolution called for an investigation of lawless conditions in Hot Springs.

The taps also revealed a "tip-off" of a raid by Arkansas State Police and State Revenue Agents with resulting activity by Chief of Detectives Mark Akers in notifying the gamblers and other interested parties.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *John B. Pease* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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FEB 8 - A.M.

The following information appears in the logs submitted on the telephone taps, supplemented by information obtained by this agent:

Re: LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION OF HOT SPRINGS:

Subsequent to the death of John Dickson, a prisoner in the City Jail, a move was started to cause a legislative inquiry as to conditions in Hot Springs. It appears that this move was started by Scott Wood, Attorney at Law and former Judge who is violently opposed to the present administration in Hot Springs, and Joseph Denby, who was defeated for the office of Judge of the Circuit Court in Montgomery County, which adjoins Garland County. From the logs, herein-after set forth, it would appear that the proposed bill for such an inquiry related certain facts concerning the death of John Dickson, but the same were deleted at a subsequent date. It will also be noted from the logs, that strenuous efforts were made by Mayor McLaughlin and others to stop the introduction of this bill in the Legislature, but without results, and on January 14, 1937 State Representative W. M. Thompson of Independence County, introduced the resolution and the same was passed by a vote of 72 to 21. On the same date Speaker of the House John Bransford named as the investigating committee, Representative W. M. Thompson (Chairman), Fred Jones of Montgomery County (Vice-Chairman), Lee Nichols, of Logan County, Robinson of LaFayette County, and Murray of Dallas County. The resolution, in addition to authorizing the investigative committee, also authorized the appointment of an attorney for the Committee and authorized an investigation of the 18th judicial circuit, which includes Garland and Montgomery Counties. Mr. John R. Thompson, an attorney of Little Rock, was subsequently appointed attorney for the committee. No effort has been made to obtain a copy of this resolution, but the local press reported that the same contained the following allegations:

1. That it was common knowledge that open gambling houses were conducted in Hot Springs.
2. That slot machines were operated near the public schools and frequented almost exclusively by school children.
3. That public officials are owners or part owners of some of the gambling devices.
4. That public officials receive pay for part-time services in gambling houses.
5. That the 18th Judicial District circuit judge interfered with investigation of alleged shortages by Montgomery county officials.
6. That the primary election laws were violated in 1936, in the selection of poll officials.
7. That Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin of Hot Springs threatened city and county officials and employes of gambling houses that if they did not vote "the entire machine ticket" they could not work in the city of Hot Springs.
8. That the "political machine of Garland county" printed 10,000 marked ballots and that election clerks handed these ballots to voters in the August primary.
9. That the "political machine" purchased 4,000 tax receipts and distributed them to transients and other illegal voters.
10. That Gibson Witt, Jr., and Curtis Ridgeway "made a deal" which Ridgeway agreed to withdraw from the race for prosecuting attorney against Witt if the latter would appoint him deputy prosecutor if elected.
11. That the circuit judge of the 18th district took an active part in the campaign in behalf of candidates endorsed by the "political machine".

12. That a nationwide scandal grew out of the murder of a prisoner in the city jail of Hot Springs.

13. That there is gross discrimination in the treatment of prisoners leading the general public to believe that certain notorious criminals can obtain protection under public officials at Hot Springs.

14. That it is alleged that certain murders committed by certain said protected criminals have never been investigated.

15. That local authorities sought to prevent the extradition of Charles "Lucky" Luciano from Hot Springs.

16. That the murderers of two enrollees of a C.C.C. camp in said judicial district have been protected by officers charged with the duty of apprehending and prosecuting them.

As to allegation No. 1, it appears that the administration at Hot Springs do not deny this and take the position that gambling has been open and public for the last twenty years and during the administration of Judge Wood.

Allegation No. 4 appears to refer to the employment of police officers as guards in the Southern Club and Club Belvedere.

Allegation No. 12 appears to relate to the death of John Dickson.

Allegation No. 14 apparently refers to a homicide in Hot Springs, wherein a man was killed by George McLaughlin, brother of the Mayor, and others.

Allegation No. 15 refers to the extradition of Charles Luciano from Hot Springs, Arkansas to New York City, N. Y., to answer charges of operating houses of ill fame, and are mentioned in Little Rock Division file entitled Charles "Lucky" Luciano; Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution".

Allegation No. 16 apparently refers to Montgomery County, as there are no C.C.C. camps located in Garland County.

The following conversations appear from the logs submitted from Hot Springs, and disclose the strenuous effort made to block the introduction of this resolution or to fix the same:

JANUARY 7, 1937.

9:49 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 2115 (W. S. Jacobs)
Jacobs: Hello.
Mayor: How do you feel?
Jacobs: Aw - pretty good.
Mayor: I just had been talking with Jim Campbell - did you read this morning's paper where they intend to introduce a resolution providing for a committee to investigate down here?
Jacobs: Yeah, I read it.

Mayor:

Now here's what I thought - Jim Campbell is unusually close to the Speaker, and is the kind of fellow that can get around. We can send Jim up there ahead of time, and he can go around to his friends and talk with them about this thing. Now, he claims it will cost about \$50.00 to move there with his family, and stay there for three or four days until the Assembly opens. While he's there he can devote his entire time in contacting his friends. What do you think?

Jacobs:

I think it will be a good investment.

Mayor:

Yeah, I think so too. I'll try and get him to go over there this afternoon - I feel that the sooner he gets there, the better it will be for us.

Jacobs:

Yeah, that's right.

Mayor:

I'll call him over, and we can talk this thing over - can you get away?

Jacobs:

Well, I was working on some income tax, but I can let Roscoe take care of that till three o'clock.

Mayor:

All right, I'll see you then.

(W. S. Jacobs is reported to control all gambling and race result wires in Hot Springs, and one of the "bosses" of the administration in Hot Springs.)

NOTE: The individual, Jim Campbell, mentioned above, is undoubtedly James R. Campbell, State Representative of Garland County, Arkansas.

Telephone No. 2115 is unpublished. It was ascertained on January 14, 1937 through the placing of a fictitious call to that number, that the same is assigned to W. S. Jacobs.

11:12 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor:

646 (C. T. Cotham, Attorney)

Man:

Hello.

Mayors

Is Mr. Campbell there?

Campbell:

Hello.

Mayor:

Can you be here in the next few minutes? I want to take care of that thing we were talking about.

Campbell:

All right, I'll be right over.

(The Campbell referred to is probably James R. Campbell, State Representative of Garland County, Arkansas.)

JANUARY 8, 1937.

11:21 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Grady Manning of Little Rock called long distance Mr Mayor McLaughlin:

Grady Manning:

Leo, you asked me the other day about this fellow Nichols (Rev. Lee Nichols of Logan County, Arkansas), and I said he was a reasonable fellow. Well, I'll retract that statement. He's got a resolution drawn up about six or seven pages long that he wants to introduce before the House next week. The Speaker let me read it this morning, and the things it recites are awful. I can't believe them. I wish that you and I and Jim Campbell can get together on this and discuss how we can handle this situation.

McLaughlin:

That thing was written here in Hot Springs. I got wind of it a couple of days ago. Joe Denby, who lost the Circuit Court Judgeship in Montgomery County, this fellow Nichols, and Scott Wood collaborated on it.

Manning:

It would leave an awful bad taste, if this thing ever got out. It mentions a lot of names and cites many allegations of corruption that I don't believe are true. If the newspapers get a hold of it, they'll blast the hell out of us down there, even if the damn thing doesn't reach the House.

McLaughlin:

Can't we discourage the thing in some way?

Manning:

That's what I want you down here for. We can talk to Bransford all right - he's our friend.

McLaughlin:

Can't we get the head man down here to drop it? (probably referring to Attorney Scott Wood)

Manning:

Well, that's what I want to discuss with you - how to proceed on it. I would suggest that you, Jim Campbell, and I get together and talk with John (Bransford) about this. Better come over this afternoon or tomorrow.

McLaughlin:

Will you be able to have Jim and John there?

Manning:

Yeah. John is here all the time, and Jim said he'll stay until tomorrow.

McLaughlin:

All right Grady, I'll try and be over there around three or four this afternoon.

Manning:

That's fine. I'll round up John and Campbell, and we'll be all set when you get here.

(Grady Manning, mentioned in the last conversation, is President of the Southwest Hotel Chain, and maintains an office in the Marion Hotel at Little Rock. Mrs. McLaughlin also resides at this hotel. The Nichols referred to is apparently State Representative Nichols.) (Bransford, referred to, is Speaker of the House John Bransford).

JANUARY 9, 1937.

10:08 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648.

CRM

Mayor:

2115

Man:

Hello

Mayor: How do you feel today?
 Man: I feel all right today.
 Mayor: Are you coming down town soon?
 Man: Yes.
 Mayor: When you get ready to leave call me. I want you to drive up
 by the side. I have something I want to talk over with you.
 Man: All right. I'll call you.

10:46 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

GRM

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.
 Man: Let me speak to Leo.
 Mayor: Hello.
 Man: I'm leaving now.
 Mayor: Well, drive up by the side of the building and blow.
 Man: All right.

(The above two calls apparently were between the Mayor
 and W. S. Jacobs).

11:44 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: Called Grady Manning at Little Rock.
 Manning: Hello.
 Mayor: Grady - this is Leo. I had a talk with that fellow and every-
 thing was very satisfactory. He said that only we two would
 know about it.
 Manning: I think you did a fine bit of work and I'm glad you came over
 yesterday.
 Mayor: Well, Joe and Raymond said they would get in touch with me
 this A.M.

(The identity of "that fellow" is unknown unless it was W. S.
 Jacobs. The Joe referred to appears from subsequent conver-
 sations to be Joe Schneider, Referee in Bankruptcy with offices
 in the Federal Building at Little Rock, and Raymond is Raymond
 Rebsamen, who has the Ford Agency and an insurance office in
 Little Rock, and is reported to be a power with the present
 State administration.)

JANUARY 11, 1937

9:02 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor called Joe Schneider at Little Rock:

Schneider: Hello.
 Mayor: Joe, this is Leo. Have you heard anything?
 Schneider: Well, I talked with Carl yesterday about that. I don't
 think he has a personal interest but he says he doesn't want
 me to go poking around.

Mayor:
Schneider:

How about lining up your contacts to work on it?
All right, but he said that those things will have to be reckoned with sooner or later. He also said those indictments should have charged murder if it was murder, but I told him that that was just the view of an old prosecutor.

Mayor:
Schneider:

Well, Guy told me if this fellow wasn't personally interested that everything would be all right.
Carl told me he didn't order it. I talked to him for about 30 minutes. If you have any other contacts send them over to talk with him because I think that best.

Mayor:

Well, all right, and if you get anything more just let me know.

9:06 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648.

GRM

Mayor:
Manning:
Mayor:
Manning:

Called Grady Manning at Little Rock.

Hello.

Grady, this is Leo.

Well, I talked to quite a few people and I think everything is pretty well fixed.

Mayor:
this man Williams
Manning:

I talked to Joe. He had talked to Carl and now that leaves this man Williams free to go to him. Nichols hasn't been contacted yet, either.

Manning:

Well, Bailey isn't in favor of it at all.

Mayor:

How is the brother?

Manning:

I'm not sure. I'll call Guy now and have a talk with him.

Mayor:

Well, O.K.

(The Carl referred to in the two foregoing conversations appears to be Carl Bailey, the present Governor. The identity of Guy is not disclosed by the logs, but one Guy Williams was Assistant Attorney General under Carl Bailey.)

JANUARY 12, 1937.

9:14 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor:
Manning:
Mayor:
Manning:
Mayor:
Manning:

Called Grady Manning at Little Rock.

Hello.

This is Leo. What's going on over there? Is it raining?

Yes it is.

Who ordered that?

I don't know. We have a big crowd but the weather will be bad for the parade. Everything went off O.K. I saw Guy yesterday and Nichols was there. He said it wouldn't be brought up for several days and he assured me he would see me before then.

Mayor:
Manning:

What about this fellow Hollingsworth?

He isn't in the way I don't believe. Scott Wood is over here mingling around with everyone. I don't mean he's trying to do anything but he's here with and about everybody. I'll keep in touch with you and let you know if I see the red flag coming up.

Mayor:

All right.

(NOTE: Nichols apparently is State Representative Nichols of the Investigating Committee. Hollingsworth is Carroll Hollingsworth, former State Representative for Bradley County and Parliamentarian for the House.)

10:54 A.M. Incoming on No. 648.

GRM

Mayor: Hello.
Earl: This is Earl at the Court House. Have you heard anything?
Mayor: Well, I talked to Grady and he says everything looks all right. Our man Hollingsworth reported and it looks like we've got a pretty strong front.
Earl: Well, that's fine.

(Earl at the Court House is apparently Earl Witt, Circuit Judge.)

JANUARY 13, 1937.

10:18 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: Called Carrol Hollingsworth at Little Rock.
Hollingsworth: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo. What's the dope?
Hollingsworth: Things are in better shape than they've been for some time. When are you coming up?
Mayor: I've got to be up there Friday.
Hollingsworth: Well, I want to talk over several diplomatic points with you.
Mayor: All right.

2:08 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called long distance for Joe Schneider at Little Rock.
Mayor: I got word that things are not so encouraging over there-- heard that the fellow has assembled two or three more, and that they'll introduce that resolution tomorrow morning.
Schneider: Yeah. I understand they had a talk with Carl this morning. I haven't heard yet what was said. They tried to put it in this morning, and Bransford said he didn't want it.
Mayor: What do they think about it over there?
Schneider: Looks like you're between two forces, and they're pulling against each other. I got an idea what someone is trying to do and so have you.
Mayor: Yeah, I know. What do you think we better do?
Schneider: You might come over here this afternoon, or I can talk with Guy and see what he's got to say.
Mayor: Yeah, you do that, and see what his reaction will be.
Schneider: All right, I'll get right after him.
Mayor: I'll call you back in a half hour and see what he had to say.

2:14 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 743
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Mayor: Is Sunny there?
Ledgerwood: Yes.
Mayor: How does he feel.
Ledgerwood: All right, I guess.
Mayor: I wish you and Sunny would come over here. I want to talk to you both. I'm expecting a call from Joe Schneider and some other people.
Ledgerwood: Here, Sunny wants to talk to you.
Sunny Davies: Say Leo, is this important?
Mayor: Yes, it's pretty damn serious. You and Verne jump in a car and come right over. You can drive around to the side and I'll let you in the side door.
Sunny Davies: All right, we'll be over.

(This call appears to be between Mayor McLaughlin and Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood. The person referred to as Sunny is Sunny Davies, City Attorney.)

2:44 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called long distance for Carrol Hollingsworth, care of the Chief Clerk's office in the State House of Representatives. Operator said she would call Mayor when connection is put through.

2:56 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called long distance to Little Rock, No. 6658, and asked to speak with Joe Schneider.
Mayor: Joe, this is Leo.
Schneider: I've been trying to get a hold of that party, but I haven't been able to reach him yet. I have a party out checking on him now. I can call you back as soon as I contact him.
Mayor: All right Joe - call No. 648.

3:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called long distance to Grady Manning at the Marion Hotel in Little Rock
Mayor: Sunny (Davies) and Verne (Ledgerwood) are here talking about this thing. I called Joe a while ago to contact Guy to get his reaction on that thing we were talking about. He hasn't as yet been able to get a hold of him.
Manning: All depends on the attitude of the boss about this.
Mayor: You mean Carl?
Manning: Yes.
Mayor: Well, that has a lot to do with it, I admit.

Manning:

The information I get down here doesn't sound very good to me. They held a conference in Carl's office this morning, and from what little I could gather indirectly, it seems that he encouraged it along. That's just hearsay now - I didn't get it direct.

Mayor:

Have they adjourned down there yet?

Manning:

Yes.

Mayor:

Have you talked with John (Bransford) since they came in?

Manning:

Yes, and he doesn't feel any too good about it. But we can depend upon him all right to do all he can to kill it.

Mayor:

This thing may even get so far-reaching that it will have something to do with the men that John appoints to make the investigation down here.

Manning:

I don't hardly believe it will go that far.

Mayor:

Well, it may or may not.

Manning:

Say, Leo, in all due respects to Jim Campbell, I don't think that he has done all he could about this thing. He had that fellow up in his room the other day, and I don't think he worked on him like he should have. He's got the wrong slant on this thing - has the idea that he's going to argue on it on the floor to keep it from being passed. Hell, we can't afford to have that thing even introduced.

Mayor:

I don't know what got into Jim.

Manning:

Well, I'm going to get around and see what I can do and pick up. If I hear of anything new I'll call you.

Mayor:

I'll be in Little Rock Friday - will see you then.

3:20 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor:

Called Jack Holt long distance in the Attorney General's office at Little Rock.

Mayor:

Say Jack, do you know a fellow up there named Nichols, from Logan County?

Holt:

Yeah - you mean Lee Nichols?

Mayor:

I don't know his first name, but he's from Logan County.

Holt:

Is he a preacher?

Mayor:

Yeah - that's the one.

Holt:

Yes, I know him by sight.

Mayor:

Well, he's armed with a resolution that was written down here by Scott Wood, asking for five fellows to be appointed by the Speaker to investigate the judicial circuit down here. The whole damn thing is silly, and I understand that they now have a fellow named Thompson from Independence County with them. Do you know him?

Holt:

Yes.

Mayor:

What sort of a fellow is he?

Holt:

A preacher from down there.

Mayor:

Can you give us any advice on this?

Holt:

You know who this is coming from, don't you?

Mayor:

I think so - Scott Wood wrote the thing.

Holt:

No, I mean higher than that.

Mayor:

Well, our information is that he was non-committal on it, they had a conference with him this morning, but he didn't encourage it, nor did he pour any cold water over it. (Probably talking about Carl Bailey, the Governor)

Holt:

You know Nichols has seen him before about this, and he was then in favor of it.

Mayor:

Is there anything you can do?

Holt:

Well, I'm not particularly close to those fellows, but I have some friends over here with whom I can talk and spread the word around.

Mayor:

John Bransford doesn't want it introduced either - he thinks the whole thing is absurd.

Holt:

Well, it is absurd and silly.

Mayor:

You know, they tried to introduce it before the House this morning, but John wouldn't take it. I understand now that they're going to try again tomorrow. They got a couple more backers today.

Holt:

Well, I'm not close enough to those fellows to talk them out of something, but I'll talk to some of my friends here, and get them to pour cold water on it.

Mayor:

You'll have to work fast between now and tomorrow morning.

Holt:

All right. I'll see what I can do.

(The Jack Holt mentioned in this call is the present Attorney General of Arkansas, and succeeded Carl Bailey, who was elected Governor. The phrase "higher than that" apparently refers to Governor Bailey.)

3:25 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor:

Called long distance for Ed McHaney, Jr., at Little Rock.

The first part of their conversation pertained to the Mayor's divorce suit - nothing of importance to this issue.

Mayor:

Are you fellows going to be in session tomorrow?

McHaney:

Yes.

Mayor:

Do you know this fellow Nichols, and about the resolution he expects to introduce providing for an appropriation of \$7500 to investigate the judicial circuit down here?

McHaney:

Yes, I heard all about it today.

Mayor:

What's the talk about it up there?

McHaney:

Well, it looks like it's on a fence - you talk with three fellows and they say they are for it - then you talk with two or three more and they say it's silly. A lot depends on what the boss thinks about it.

Mayor:

I heard today that he really has no personal interest in it and that he's neither encouraging it or pouring cold water over it.

McHaney:

You know, the first information had it that Carl was going to sponsor a bill to provide authority for the State Troopers to step into a town or county where the local police did not function according to the law.

Mayor: Yeah, I know.
 McHaney: I doubt if the thing will ever go through. In the first place they'll blink their eyes when they hear the amount of the appropriation asked for - \$7500.
 Mayor: Do you think you can do anything about it between now and tomorrow morning?
 McHaney: Well, I don't know if we can kill it, but we can juggle it around a bit.
 Mayor: That'll be all right, because that will give us more time to get around.
 McHaney: Let me tell you what you can do? Tell your two boys down there not to run wild like they did last year. A lot of them resented it, and naturally were against everything they did and said.
 Mayor: Jim (Campbell) is not going to do that this year. I know what he did last year.
 McHaney: (Returned to matter of Mayor's divorce suit)
 Mayor: Well Ed, I'll try and be up to see you Friday.
 (Ed McHaney, Jr. is the son of a Judge of the Supreme Court of Arkansas.)

9:08 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

HAS

McLaughlin: Called 1335 (Miss Hazel Marsh)
 Hazel: Hello.
 McLaughlin: Well, did you have a nice dinner?
 Hazel: Yes, but I was worried about you. Started to call you up, but I knew you'd be busy calling people.
 McLaughlin: I'm glad you're worried because it shows you're interested. I was out to mother's and just stopped by the office before going over to make that talk. Going to send Jerry back up there tomorrow, because he may be able to do some good.
 Hazel: Yes, he may.
 McLaughlin: I've been talking to people all over the State. Got a lot of forces lined up.
 Hazel: That's good.
 McLaughlin: Got some things working in Little Rock, too.
 Hazel: Did you talk to Carroll?
 McLaughlin: Yes, he's doing what he can for me. Well, I'll call you later. Was just going to stop by the Fire Department and meet Ebel (Reporter) there.
 Hazel: All right. I hope everything comes out all right. I was worried about you.

(Hazel Marsh is Secretary to Mayor McLaughlin. The identity of Jerry is unknown unless it is Jerry Watkins, Day Captain of Police.)

NOTE: Conversation apparently refers to activity of McLaughlin to block the introduction of a bill in the House of Representatives aimed to cause an investigation of public affairs and officials in Hot Springs.

JANUARY 14, 1937

9:25 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: 2115 (W. S. Jacobs)
Man: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo. We're not in very good shape up there. They dug up another preacher who changed the looks of things. We thought we had it all fixed.
Man: Yes, I heard about that.
Mayor: They are going to try to put it over this morning, and of course our crowd is going to try to put it off.
Man: Well, there was some kind of meeting last night. Watt went to it. I think it was over in Brad's office.
Mayor: Well, I've got another man in mind over in Eastern Arkansas. If this thing passes today, I'm going to phone him to meet me in Little Rock in the morning. Are you coming down this way?
Man: I'll be down that way sometime today. I'll call you.
Mayor: All right.

(Another preacher" apparently refers to Representative Thompson. Watt apparently refers to Sam Watt, who is reputed to be a part owner of the Southern Grill and Club Belyedere. The person named "Brad" apparently refers to Brad Smith, former Sheriff, and said to be opposed to the administration.)

9:34 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648.

GRM

Mayor: Called State Representative Burkle at the Capitol in Little Rock.
Burkle: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo McLaughlin. How are you this morning?
Burkle: Fine, thank you.
Mayor: Some of those preachers are trying to jump on us down here.
Burkle: Yes, I know about that.
Mayor: Well, it is all a political thing. They are all sore because Judge Witt and some others were responsible for Denby's defeat up in Montgomery County. Denby joined Scott Wood, and of course Scott Wood has his eye on that Attorney's job because it pays \$7500.
Burkle: Well, they showed me some pictures and I think that is bad.
Mayor: We indicted those fellows and they're going to be convicted, too. You know they had that stuff in the first resolution and when the grand jury acted they had to take it out. We did all any other county would or could have done.
Burkle: Well, they are circulating those pictures around here. (Pictures of John Dickson's body showing mistreatment.)
Mayor: Well, do what you can for us.
Burkle: All right Leo, we sure will.

10:05 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor called Long Distance for Representative Toney at the House of Representatives at Little Rock, Ark.

Toney: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo McLaughlin. Did that preacher introduce that resolution this morning?
Toney: No. They are going to put it in this afternoon.
Mayor: How does it look?
Toney: They're going to pass it all right - there's no way of stopping it now. I told Jim Campbell last night that it can't be stopped. They gave it to this fellow Thompson from Independence County, and I understand he is going to introduce it.
Mayor: Well, this preacher, Nichols, wrote the thing.
Toney: I know, but he won't have anything to do with it.
Mayor: Is there any way we can stop it?
Toney: No, you can't stop that thing now with a double-barreled shot gun. It'll go through all right. This fellow Thompson has all sorts of law books and evidence on his desk, and the popularity of the thing indicates it will be passed.
Mayor: Well, if it goes through, I wish you would call, so I can talk to you and see what else can be done.
Toney: I wish you had called me several days sooner - I might have done you some good, but I'm afraid it's too late now.

(Mr. W. K. Toney is State Representative from Jefferson County.)

10:17 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.
W. S. Jacobs: Is he in?
McLaughlin: Hello.
W. S. Jacobs: I'm down at the Grill - are you coming down that way?
McLaughlin: Yes. Drive by here and blow your horn.

10:25 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 743.
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Mayor: I was talking with Kemp - they apparently haven't done any work on this thing. He said they are going to pass it. I indicated to him that we would like to have the thing deferred for a while, and then have a talk with him about managing this proposition. Of course I couldn't tell him just what I wanted to say over the phone. But he said they're going to push it through all right. He said that another preacher named Thompson is going to introduce it, and that he is plenty smart and shrewd, and knows how to do it.

Ledgerwood:
Mayor:

Well, I guess that's that.
Here's what I think their reaction will be here - it is going to solidify us. The people down here don't want the town torn up by any legislature. I don't think it will hurt our position. Let those fellows get this out of their system. Maybe they'll let us alone after that. If we continue to thwart their efforts now, they'll be down on our necks with everything. I don't right now see any ray of sunshine on this thing, and there's nothing more that can be done.
Well, there's nobody that can say we didn't try.
No, there isn't. I called everybody I thought could do us some good.

(Kemp apparently refers to Representative W. K. Toney.)

10:53 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor:
Ledgerwood:
Mayor:

743
Hello.
Have a different thought about this. All the wise guys over there now know about this. If we were successful in getting this resolution blocked, we would have 25 more of them thrown in our laps. You see what I mean?
Yeah - if anybody over there wanted to be fixed on a thing like this, we would be doing it for the rest of our lives.
That's exactly what the situation would be. Let them get their investigating committee down here and attempt to find what they can - maybe they will let us alone then.
Well, Leo, if that thing is passed we will have to get to the Chair-
(interrupts) Never mind that.
I think you're right on your thought. If this don't happen now, they'll be draining us until we get out.
Kemp was telling me that they were showing pictures of John Dickson's body around there. I told him, "Hell, those fellows responsible for that were indicted - that is as much, if not more, than any other county would do."
Well, call me if you hear anything more.

Ledgerwood:

11:54 A.M. Incoming on No. 648.

JLM

Bob Dean:
Mayor:
Bob Dean:

Is Leo there?
Hello.
This is Bob - just listen to this. It's coming over the Associated Press wires. (Reads lengthy news dispatch of the resolution introduced in the State House of Representatives by Representative W. M. Thompson.)
Yeah, I knew about that resolution a week ago. Scott Wood wrote it.
Have you any statement to make?

Mayor:

Bob Dean:

Mayor:

No, not at this time. For your own information Bob, this thing was the work of Scott Wood, this preacher - Nichols, and Joe Denby, who was defeated for County Judge in Montgomery County. He blames the Witts for his defeat, and he thereafter got Wood and Nichols to write this thing up. Wood has been in Little Rock for the past two days. They at first had the John Dickson matter in the resolution and after those fellows were indicted they took it out.

Bob Dean:

Remained non-committal throughout this conversation). Then you haven't any statement to give us.

Mayor:

No Bob, not at this time.

Bob Dean:

Well, if anything more comes in, I'll let you know.

(Bob Dean is connected with a local newspaper in Hot Springs.)

12:05 P.M. Outgoing on No. 643

JLM

Mayor:

743

Sunny Davies:

Hello.

Mayor:

They introduced that thing this morning, and Jim promptly made a motion to postpone consideration of it until Tuesday. Jones of Montgomery County backed him up. They're still wrangling over it. (Mayor then told Sunny Davies what he told Bob Dean as to who was responsible for the resolution in question).

Bob asked me whether I cared to make a statement. You know, sometimes statements are effective in the right direction when they go in with the same issue of the story.

Davies:

Yeah, and sometimes you might want to retract it later. Best thing to do is not to say anything.

Mayor:

Maybe you're right.

Davies:

The thing that should concern us right now, is the personnel who will make this investigation.

Mayor:

Yeah.

Davies:

Oh, they'll find gambling down here all right - we can't conceal that. But then they'll also find that gambling has been going on here for the past 20 years - long before we came in.

Mayor:

Yeah. Wood probably didn't have anything to say about that.

Davies:

Well Leo, the personnel of that committee is the determining factor - let them come down here.

Mayor:

Well, then you wouldn't make a statement, if you were me?

Davies:

No, it will be best to just keep quiet.

12:13 P.M. Incoming on No. 643

JLM

Carrol Hollingsworth called Long Distance from Little Rock for Mayor McLaughlin:

Hollingsworth:

Well, they brought out that resolution this morning. Thompson from Independence County introduced it. Immediately thereafter Jim made a motion to defer action on it until Tuesday. They took a vote, and we lost 43 - 46.

Mayor: 48 to 46, huh?
Hollingsworth: Yes, Jim done well - if we had two more days, we would have done it. That 48 to 46 vote is pretty near indicative of what they're going to do.
Mayor: Who were with Campbell in the argument?
Hollingsworth: Fred Jones, Floyd Tackett, and two or three others.
Mayor: Did anybody argue with Jim on it?
Hollingsworth: Yes.
Mayor: I wonder if you can get anybody on the other side in our favor.
Hollingsworth: I hardly think so - they adjourned till two o'clock when they will vote on the adoption of the thing.
Mayor: Did you see John?
Hollingsworth: Yes.
Mayor: What did he have to say?
Hollingsworth: Not much - they'll probably appoint Thompson the Chairman of the committee, and have two from each side and a neutral man. The resolution didn't ask for any appropriation, but I heard confidentially this morning that the money will come out of the Governor's Emergency Fund.
Mayor: Is that right?
Hollingsworth: I also heard that they're going to appoint an attorney from Little Rock to represent the committee.
Mayor: Why don't you try for it?
Hollingsworth: Don't want it - might try to be their sergeant-of-arms though. (laughs) I'll then know what's going on.
Mayor: That wouldn't be so bad.
Hollingsworth: Well, I'll try and get around and see what I can pick up. I'll keep you advised.

1:58 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 745.
Legerwood: Hello.
Mayor: Talked with Cal - they defeated Jim's motion by a 46-48 vote. Of course, that doesn't mean anything. A lot of those fellows who voted against deferring it, might not be in favor of its adoption.
Legerwood: How did Jim do?
Mayor: All right, from what I heard. He asked them if it were not true that gambling was going on all over the State, and then said that he could go on any street in Little Rock and find a hand book operating - then asked why they're not investigating Little Rock.
Legerwood: Jim is pretty good on the floor.
Mayor: They took the request for an appropriation to make this investigation out of the bill, and understand that if it goes through, it will come out of the Governor's Deficiency Fund.
Legerwood: Well, you call me.

2:20 P.M. Incoming on No. 648.

JLM

Bob Dean: They refused to defer action by a vote of 46-48. They're recessed till two o'clock. I've been trying to get a hold of Judge Witt, but he's in Little Rock. Do you want to say anything?

Mayor: No, not at this time. I wish you wouldn't print anything about your asking me for a statement.

Bob Dean: No. I won't.

Mayor: Here's the way I figured this thing out. It may be a good thing for them to come down here and get this out of their system. It was bound to happen sooner or later. Scott Wood wrote the resolution. I read it a week ago today. They at first had the Dickson case in there, but when we indicted those fellows, they deleted that portion of it.

Bob Dean: Will you have anything to say later.

Mayor: No, I don't think so.

3:20 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called Carrol Hollingsworth in care of the Chief Clerk's office, House of Representatives at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mayor: What happened over there?

Hollingsworth: They passed it a little while ago by a vote of 21 - 72.

Mayor: That's what I thought would happen. Did John appoint a committee yet?

Hollingsworth: No. I talked with him and he said he would give each side two, and appoint the other one, and he will be OK.

Mayor: That's fine.

Hollingsworth: I'll go back now and see what I can do and pick up.

3:25 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 743

Legerwood: Hello.

Mayor: Well, they passed it over there - 72 to 21.

Legerwood: I thought they would. Did you make any connections about the appointments.

Mayor: I'm working on that now. Well, it will be a good thing to get it out of their system. Stop one today, and get one tomorrow. They would try until they got one over.

Legerwood: Yeah, I guess your're right. The only thing to do now is to work on that committee.

Mayor: Yeah - well, I'll call you.

3:30 P.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Bob Dean: They adopted that resolution - 72 to 21.

Mayor: Yeah, I heard about it. Anything come in as to who is on the committee?

Bob Dean: No, not yet.
Mayor: Just between you and me, the next thing you'll see will be an anti-racing bill in there. They have an anti-liquor bill in there now.
Bob Dean: Still don't want to make a statement?
Mayor: No.

4:06 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Charles Goslee: Guess you saw about that resolution.
Mayor: Yes.
Charles Goslee: What's the best thing to do. We've got to comment on it.
Mayor: I wish you would in the form of an editorial. I'll tell you how this all came about - Scott Wood wrote it (interrupted)
Charles Goslee: Better come over, and let's talk this thing over.

(Charles Goslee is connected with the Hot Springs Sentinel-Record newspaper, and was on the county grand jury that indicted the police officers. Subsequent to this call an editorial appeared in Goslee's newspaper favorable to the city administration.)

The logs for the police 'phones on this date revealed that Sheriff Marion Anderson was in Little Rock on January 14, 1937.

JANUARY 15, 1937.

10:28 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Miss Marsh: Mayor's Office.
W. S. Jacobs: Is he in?
Miss Marsh: No - who is this?
W. S. Jacobs: Jacobs.
Miss Marsh: No, he's gone to Little Rock.
W. S. Jacobs: He's left already, huh?
Miss Marsh: Yes.

11:30 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Erb Wheatley: Is the Mayor in?
Miss Marsh: No, he'll be in tomorrow.
Wheatley: This is Erb Wheatley - what do you think of that proposition over at Little Rock?
Miss Marsh: I don't think it will amount to anything.
Erb Wheatley: I guess that's where he is.
Miss Marsh: Yes.

JANUARY 16, 1937.

3:01 P.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Mrs. Leo P. McLaughlin, the Mayor's estranged wife, called the Mayor from Little Rock, Arkansas. She talked with him for approximately 30 minutes, and the following are the important statements made by her. Agent was unable to note the entire conversation, due to Mrs. McLaughlin's rapidity of speech:

Mrs. McLaughlin:

Why didn't you write me like you said you would?

Mayor:

Because I'm not concerned about you.

Mrs. McLaughlin:

I'm not trying to get back with you, but I'm worried. They're going to do things to you. Everybody wants to see you out of office. They despise you, hate you, and want to do you dirt. Your town is flooded with Government men, and they're flooded up here too. They want you out of there.

Mayor:

They can't do anything to me, because I won't make any mistakes.

Mrs. McLaughlin:

You're going to do just what they want you to do. You're going to do it! You've already started it. They're using me as a target to get you. I know so much, and can help you, if you only will let me. They said you made a statement to this boy's father that he couldn't see him (probably referring to the Dickson matter). I don't believe it, and I told them it isn't true. They're blaming you from Washington, and I know you're innocent, and I want to help you.

Your folks caused me hell, and I wouldn't go back there for all the money in the world. If it hadn't been for them we'd still be together. I was an innocent lamb when I married you, but now I'm going to fight.

I know Leo, that they're making me a target to get you, but they're not going to get a damn thing out of me, and I'm not talking. I understand that they're going to summons me too. They got the U. S. General down here, and they're trying to get you.

Leo:

I won't do anything that will have them get after me.

Mrs. McLaughlin:

I know you won't Leo, you're too smart for that. Whatever you do - don't bribe the Legislative committee - they're just waiting for that.

Leo:

I'm not going to do it - they won't get a penny out of me.

Mrs. McLaughlin:

I know you won't, Leo. Just as soon as you offer one cent as a bribe, you're sunk. Don't try to fight me Leo, because I got more power than you have over here.

Tell your sister, Stella McLaughlin, to stop talking about me having affairs with George Cherry - they're not true, and you know they're not. I haven't had an affair since I left you. I don't give a damn about your money - I have my looks, and they will go a long way. And Leo, when you need me, I'll be there. How I've suffered for you - they're trying to impeach you down there. I've had men here from Washington putting me through the third degree. I've suffered terribly. but I love them anything. I love

Mrs. McLaughlin:
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Leo:

I know we can't be happy together again, but my love for you will never die. We'd still be happy together, if it were't for your G.D. family. I knew about this six months ago, and if you had listened to me, nothing would have happened to you. They're going to get you Leo, and I want to help you, if you only will let me. (starts crying)
Well, they're not going to get me, because I'm not going to make any mistakes.
Oh, Leo, you always was so sure of yourself. I love you, but I wouldn't come back to you for a million dollars. You better talk to me. I got so much to tell you. But I'm not talking to anybody else.
I don't see the Brandenburg's any more - they are awful talkers. They are trying to ruin you. But I'm not going to let them do it.
Are you going to be at the Legislature Monday?
Yes, I'll have to be there.
For God's sake don't bribe any of the Legislators.
No, I won't. I won't give them a cent.
How about someone else doing it?
There won't be anybody doing it.
I heard Mr. Jacobs is going to give them money.
No, he isn't giving anything out.
Don't do it Leo, for that's just what the U. S. General is waiting for. They'll put you in jail for doing it.
Well, they ought to put everybody in jail that would do a thing like that.
Then you won't come to see me? I'm still at the Marion Hotel.
No, you better not call any more.

(It will be noted that Mrs. McLaughlin referred to Government men in Little Rock and Hot Springs. As far as is known to the Little Rock Division no Government agent of any Department has contacted Mrs. McLaughlin. It will be noted that Mrs. McLaughlin resides at the Marion Hotel and that Mr. Grady Manning maintains an office in this hotel.)

JANUARY 18, 1937

2:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor:

Woman:

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Woman:

Mayor:

2234 (Residence of Earl Witt)

Hello.

Is Earl there?

No, he just left. You might reach him at his office.

This is Leo. We just got back. There is nothing to that thing up there. I'm glad now that it happened. I talked to the committee and they said that they were interested only in seeing the books to determine if any of the officials received money from these places.

Woman: Well, I know Karl will be glad to hear that. You try to reach him at the office.
Mayor: All right.

(Apparently this conversation was with Mrs. Witt.)

2:02 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GEM

Mayor: 680
Jerry Witt: Hello.
Mayor: Is Karl there?
Jerry Witt: No, I haven't seen him.
Mayor: This is Leo. I thought you were going to Little Rock.
Jerry Witt: I'm planning to go, but haven't been able to get away.
Mayor: Well, there is no need of you going over. I was over there all morning and there isn't anything to that. I talked to the members of the committee after all the others left and they said they were only interested in looking over the books to see if any officials had received any money from the places mentioned in the resolution and there ain't nothing in the books. I'm glad it all happened.

Jerry Witt: Well, that's fine. I won't go over then.
Mayor: No, you better stay with Karl and keep him off of that stuff. (Whiskey).

Jerry Witt: All right.

(Jerry Witt is believed to be the brother of Circuit Judge Karl Witt.)

2:25 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648 GEM

Mayor: 743 (Judge Ledgerwood)
Ledgerwood: Hello.
Mayor: I just located Karl - he's over at the Court House. I'm going over there now and I think you and Sunny (Davies) better come over.

Ledgerwood: Of course, we'll be over.

(Judge Ledgerwood is the Municipal Judge. Sunny Davies is the City Attorney.)

11:10 A.M. Incoming on No. 648 JLM

Long Distance call for anyone from Jim Campbell at Little Rock.

Campbell: Hazel is Leo around there?
Miss Marsh: No, he just stepped out for a minute.
Campbell: Tell him not to pay too much attention to what I told Richard Ryan to tell him. That information about that investigation may be incorrect.
Miss Marsh: All right, I'll tell him.

(Jim Campbell is the State Representative for Garland County)

11:25 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called Operator No. 4 and told her he was ready to talk with Ed Farris at Little Rock.
Mayor: This is Leo - what do you know?
Farris: Not much. I'm at home, sick in bed.
Mayor: Did you read the Gazette this morning where they intend to introduce that bill?
Farris: Yes.
Mayor: That bill will keep a lot of people from betting this season.
Farris: Yes, I know. Somebody in the House is overly-ambitious, but we'll take care of it when it comes into the Senate.
Mayor: I thought it might have been an administrative measure.
Farris: No, nothing like that.
Mayor: Well, I just thought it was.
Farris: The commission meets at my house Thursday at 4:00 o'clock - would like to have you present there, if you can make it.
Mayor: I expect I better be there, don't you think?
Farris: I think it would be best.
Mayor: I noticed where there is a little strife among the committee.
Farris: Yeah - they're jealous of each other - one thinks the other is getting too much publicity; that will help you fellows down there.
Mayor: Yeah - they've asked for all the gamblers' records, and now they're doing all they can to find a "bear" in them.
Farris: What they have in mind Leo, is this - they're trying to impeach the Judge down there. We'll also take care of that in the Senate.
Mayor: If you feel good tomorrow, come on over here and we'll talk this thing over.
Farris: I better not while I got this cold.
Mayor: All right, I'll call you tomorrow at about eight.

NOTE: Ed Farris is Secretary of the State Racing Commission appointed by Governor Bailey.

11:52 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called James R. Campbell at the House of Representatives at Little Rock, Arkansas.
Campbell: Hello.
Mayor: Bean impeached yet?
Campbell: No, not yet.
Mayor: What's going on over there?
Campbell: Not a thing; everything looks good for us.
Mayor: What was that message you said you sent to me through Ryan - I forgot it.
Campbell: About Houston Emory.

Campbell: I thought I would tell you that there isn't anything to it before you go ahead and start something on it, and I passed it on to Dick Ryan for you. I misunderstood the first.

Mayor: 4 I believe this is going to be a wholesome thing. I think the committee is beginning to realize that this ballyhoo is just a political fight.

Campbell: I think so too. I talked with Bransford this morning, and he indicated that the committee is going to dump this investigation into the Attorney General's lap.

Mayor: That'll be fine.

Campbell: Murray is going to be with us on it.

Mayor: I think that Murray is a good, honest fellow, and will give us a square deal on it.

Campbell: Yeah - he's all right. I'll keep in touch with Bransford, and keep you advised.

Mayor: If they turn that over to the Attorney General's office it will be an honest and square way of handling it. Jack Holt will be fair in it.

Campbell: Yeah - Jack's all right.

Mayor: I'll be over there Thursday and will see you then.

3:30 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: 743 (Judge Ledgerwood's office)

Sunny Davies: Hello.

Mayor: I've got some good news from over there. It looks like the high spots are passed.

Sunny Davies: That's good.

Mayor: And I found out where Earl (Witt) is getting his advice. Hartley Wooton has been talking too much about resigning to save his face. Wooton is also feeding him the bottle. (Whiskey)

Sunny Davies: Is that so?

Mayor: I don't know why Earl (Witt) has so much faith in him. He doesn't know that Wooton runs up and down to Scott Wood all day.

Sunny Davies: Well, time is a great healer anyway. The preachers over at Searcy are trying now to get an investigation over there. They claim that there is a lot of gambling and drinking going on - and maybe some diddelling!

Mayor: I didn't see that. Earl has written some kind of letter or paper on the Dickson case.

Sunny Davies: Well, damn, he ought not to be writing anything.

Mayor: He asked me to come over and read it. When I see it I'll suggest that I call you to get your opinion.

Sunny Davies: OK. Call me, I'll be here.

3:40 P.M. Incoming on No. 648

HAS

McLaughlin: Hello.

Douglass Hotchkiss: Leo, some son of a bitch has been making all the stores around town and selling pictures of the Dickson boy after he was beat up. That won't help anything on top of what the legislature is doing and high water too.

McLaughlin: I hadn't heard anything about it, Douglass. Do you know who's doing it?

Hotchkiss: No, but maybe you can stop him by arresting him for peddling without a license.

McLaughlin: All right, sure - I'll tell the boys. I heard that a fellow named Lovell, out in Jonestown, had a bunch of them and took them to Little Rock with Dave Harrison and Scott Wood. They passed them around the Legislature.

Hotchkiss: How's that going?

McLaughlin: All right - they're about washed up. The committee told me that if they couldn't find anything in the records that they are through. They won't.

Hotchkiss: Well, of course there's nothing to find.

McLaughlin: No. I'll see about this other.

Hotchkiss: Well, I just thought that you would like to know. By the way, I sent notices to the Chicago Tribune and Kansas City Star, pointing out that the roads were still open to Hot Springs and that high water hadn't interfered with reaching here.

McLaughlin: That's good.

(Douglas Hotchkiss is the former Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.)

4:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 648

HAS;

McLaughlin: Called 680 (Witt & Witt, Attorneys)

Witt: (Senior) Hello.

McLaughlin: I heard from Little Rock and things are looking in good shape up there now.

Witt, Sr: That's fine. Gibson (Witt) went up there today and hasn't gotten back yet.

McLaughlin: I've heard that Earl (Witt) has been getting advice from Wooton (Attorney) lately. He thinks Wooton is his good friend, but Wooton and Scott Wood really are friends. I just wanted to let you know.

Witt, Sr: Thanks.

(Witt, Sr. appears to be the father of Circuit Judge Earl Witt.)

JANUARY 20, 1937

On January 19, 1937 a news release appeared in the Hot Springs papers quoting Circuit Judge Earl Witt as offering to disqualify himself in the trial of the police officers indicted for murder and suggesting certain activities. This article appeared to be directed toward Attorney Scott Wood, who, on the following day, answered this release through the newspapers. The following conversations were overheard concerning this activity:

7:37 P.M. Incoming on No. 123

GRM

Akers: Chief's Office.
Mayor: This is Leo - Is the Chief there?
Akers: He just stepped out.
Mayor: Find him and have him call me.
Akers: All right - just a minute, Ebel wants to talk to you.
Walter Ebel: Hello Leo. Did you see that answer prepared by Scott Wood?
Mayor: Yes, I saw it. You wrote it for him didn't you?
Walter Ebel: What? Oh - yes.

7:38 P.M. Incoming on No. 123

GRM

Mayor: Called and asked to speak with Walter Ebel.
Ebel: Hello.
Mayor: Say - that thing in there about that fellow (Brock) still doing the fingerprint work is just a damn liar and I want you to put it just like that in your paper. I know you've been over there pretty close to that fellow.
Ebel: You know I didn't have anything to do with that and anyone who says so is a damn liar. Where are you?
Mayor: It doesn't make any difference where I am. (hung up) --

(Walter Ebel is the Hot Springs representative of the Arkansas Gazette newspaper of Little Rock. It will be noted that Ebel is quite close to the administration.)

7:40 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Rasberry: 600
Mayor: Hello.
Rasberry: This is Rasberry.
Mayor: Say - call the newspaper and talk to Bob Dean and give him a statement to the effect that none of those fellows who have been named in the indictments have done any work for the police department.
Rasberry: All right.

9:47 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: Placed call for Hollingsworth at State House, Little Rock.
Hollingsworth: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo. Say on this bill to exchange judges - don't draw any fire on that and also be sure to see Jim Campbell and tell him about that.
Hollingsworth: All right Leo, I'll tell him.

10:07 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Representative Jim Campbell called the Mayor from Little Rock, Arkansas.

Mayor: I was talking to Ernest (Maner) did he tell you what I told him about that Circuit Judge Bill?
Campbell: Yes.
Mayor: Don't have anything to do with it - pro or con.
Campbell: I don't think they'll pass it anyway.
Mayor: Yes, I know - but don't have any part in it.
Campbell: All right.
Mayor: Did you read the Gazette this morning?
Campbell: Yeah, did you all confer on it before he wrote it?
Mayor: Yes.
Campbell: I don't think it'll hurt anything.
Mayor: Did you talk with any members of the committee lately?
Campbell: Yeah.
Mayor: Are they going to be fair about this thing down here?
Campbell: Yes, three of them will.
Mayor: What's the atmosphere over there?
Campbell: I don't think they'll get 25 votes to impeach him.
Mayor: No, I think the committee is beginning to peeter out.
Campbell: When are you coming over. I would like to see you.
Mayor: I'll have to be there tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Racing Commission at four o'clock. I'll try to see you then.

11:18 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: 47 (Jackson's Drug Store)
Man: Hello.
Mayor: Is Roy there?
Roy: Hello.
Mayor: This is Leo - send three of those things over here - better leave it at the box office in the Auditorium, and I'll pick it up there.
Roy: All right - how's everything?
Mayor: Looks pretty good. I guess that committee has about peetered out in their investigation. I talked with some of them last Saturday, and told me that they weren't concerned about the Primary election, or the Dickson case, or about getting me out of office; that they only were interested in checking through the records of these gambling houses to see if they were paying off to me. (Laughs)
Roy: Well, I didn't figure it would amount to much anyway.
Mayor: It's just the work of some overly enthusiastic representative in the House.
Roy: Yeah, I guess so.
Mayor: As Doug Hatchkiss said last night, between Scott Wood, the Legislative Committee, the rain, and these floods, we're in for a bad season in Hot Springs.

Roy: Yeah, you'd be surprised of the number of people that left here on account of this bad publicity.

Mayor: Well, I hope things will stay quiet now.

(Roy Jackson appears to be a relative of Emmet Jackson, City Clerk.)

11:40 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

JLM

Mayor: Called Long Distance for Senator Walter Wheatley at Little Rock, Arkansas:

Mayor: How's everything going up there?

Wheatley: Just fine, Leo. We're considering the Appropriation Bill now.

Mayor: How 's our matter over there.

Wheatley: All right - the Senate seems to think it is a political joke.

Mayor: You're voting with the Administration all right, aren't you?

Wheatley: Yes.

Mayor: You vote along with what they want.

Wheatley: Yes, I've been going along right with them.

Mayor: I've sent you 50 copies of the Hot Springs newspapers that contains that editorial about the proposed investigation down here. Take a copy and give one to each senator, and do with the others as you wish. I also sent Maner some copies to distribute among the House members.

Wheatley: All right Leo, I'll do that. Any time I can do anything for you fellows down there, let me know.

It will be noted that Walter Wheatley was given his seat in the Senate even though his qualifications were questioned on account of a conviction for a felony. It will also be noted, from previous logs, that Mayor McLaughlin and State Attorney General Jack Holt discussed the contest of this election.

11:51 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

George Neal called the Mayor long distance from Little Rock:

George: Hello Leo, how are you?

Mayor: Just fine.

George: Do you know who this is?

Mayor: No.

George: This is George Neal.

Mayor: Oh yeah - how are you?

George: All right - is everything OK.

Mayor: Yeah - they're looking for a "bear" and they ain't going to find one.

George: I would like to see you on a matter.

Mayor: I'll be in Little Rock tomorrow - where can I reach you?

George: I don't know - where will you be?

Mayor: I'll be at Ed Farris' house at 4 o'clock - call me there.

George: All right - I'll do that.

George W. Neal is listed in the last city directory as Commissioner of State Lands.

JANUARY 21, 1937.

10:15 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Long Distance call for Mayor from Carrol Hollingsworth at Little Rock, Arkansas:

Hollingsworth: Just wanted to tell you that the committee hasn't got anything yet. They examined one witness, but he didn't give them anything. However, there's something I want to see you about. Are you coming over today?

Mayor: I have to appear before the Racing Commission at four o'clock. I'll see you over at the House at 1:30 P.M.

Hollingsworth: O.K. I'll watch for you.

Mayor: Was the committee in session this morning?

Hollingsworth: No. I saw Jones last night, and saw him again twice this morning.

Mayor: Looks like those preachers kind of cooled down.

Hollingsworth: Yes - I'll see you later.

10:22 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Earl Witt: When are they going to put us in the penitentiary?

Mayor: Any day now. (Laughs)

Earl Witt: I've been sick - is there anything else you think I ought to do?

Mayor: No. Scott Wood kind of evaded the issue didn't he?

Earl Witt: Yeah. I meant to have him give me a hand in this Dickson case - I didn't intend this to be a political discussion. That portion about the Sheriff's boys being messengers for you was uncalled for.

Mayor: Yeah. I also had quite a run-in with Walter Ebel about Cecil still doing some work for the Police Department. I told him it was a G.D. lie, and Raspberry also told him that.

Earl Witt: I noticed where Cecil denied it. A lot of people will believe Cecil, whatever he says.

Mayor: I was talking to that fellow in Little Rock, and he said that the committee is beginning to realize that the whole thing is just a political joke - that Scott Wood didn't have the interest of the town at heart when he started this.

Earl Witt: Well, you know Scott Wood has never been known to do anything that is best for the town - he's just a trouble-maker.

Mayor: Everything seems to be in good shape now.

Earl Witt: Yeah, and I feel a lot better.

Mayor: Well, I'll call you if there's anything new.

The Cecil referred to in this conversation is Cecil Brock, former Lieutenant of the Police and in charge of the Identification Bureau. Mr. Wood accused the city authorities of allowing Brock to continue working in the Identification Bureau.

11:27 A.M. Incoming on No. 648

JLM

Jones: I didn't find any record of that -
Mayor: All right.
Jones: Marion (Anderson) took a pretty good statement over there,
didn't he?
Mayor: Yeah.
Jones: He got the bank to fix up Lonnie Duval's statement, too.
Mayor: Yeah - I know.
Jones: It looks pretty good over there, doesn't it?
Mayor: Yeah - it won't amount to anything.

Jones is Circuit Clerk. Marion Anderson is the present Sheriff of Garland County. The identity of Lonnie Duval is unknown.

In connection with the activities of Joe Schneider, Referee in Bankruptcy, at Little Rock, it will be noted from previous conversations that Mr. Schneider and U. S. District Judge John E. Martineau were invited to attend Mayor McLaughlin's New Years Eve party, and that Mr. Schneider apparently attended. It will also be noted from other conversations that gambling was being opened in the Eastman Hotel on January 15, 1937 and that Grady Manning and the "Little Rock crowd" was backing this venture. It is possible that Mr. Schneider is interested in this venture.

**RAID BY STATE RANGERS
IN HOT SPRINGS ON JANUARY 15, 1937**

Soon after the formation of the Investigating Committee of the Legislature, hereinbefore mentioned, it appears that someone ordered the Arkansas State Rangers to serve subpoenas on officials and others in Hot Springs and at that time take pictures of the gambling establishments in operation. Local newspapers in Little Rock quoted certain members of the Investigating Committee as stating they did not know of this activity until they read the same in the newspapers. As will be disclosed from the conversations herein after set forth, and appearing in the log State Rangers and agents of the State Revenue Department visited several gambling establishments in Hot Springs, took pictures of the gambling rooms and served subpoenas on persons operating these gambling establishments, and municipal and county officials. The subpoenas were reported to require also the production of income tax records, bank accounts, payroll records, "hot" checks, etc., and were made returnable the following morning. Newspapers reported the attendance of the following witnesses in answer to these subpoenas, and whose testimony was transcribed:

Houston Emory, former Prosecuting Attorney
Earl Witt, Circuit Judge
Marion Anderson, Sheriff of Garland County
Herbert Akers, Chief of Detectives.
Matt Piche

Roscoe Johnson, of the Southern Grill
 Norwood Phillips, of the Chicago Cigar Store
 Ben Harrison of the Citizens Cigar Store
 Gordon Henderson, of the Blue Ribbon Cigar Store
 Lewis Larson, of the Blue Ribbon Cigar Store
 Bill Miller, of Miller's Cigar Store
 Otis McGraw, of the Club Belvedere
 Ed Spear, of the Tango Club
 Tink Young, of the Ohio Cigar Store
 Leo P. McLaughlin, Mayor

From the conversations hereinafter enumerated, it will be noted that Walter Ebel, Hot Springs representative of the Arkansas Gazette newspaper, received a tip from his paper that this raid was to be conducted. Ebel then notified Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, who after verifying the same, immediately left the Police Department and notified W. S. Jacobs and probably others. (Although a "tip-off" was had on this raid this agent was advised by R. W. Davis, State Revenue Agent at Hot Springs, that gambling was in progress at the Club Belvedere, Southern Grill and Miller's Cigar Store when the officers arrived. These three establishments are the most elaborate in Hot Springs, and have expensive paraphernalia.

Subsequent to this visit by the State Rangers and the service of subpoenas and on the following morning immediately prior to their appearance in Little Rock a meeting was held at the Mayor's office. Calls made from the Mayor's telephone reveal that the following persons attended this meeting:

Chief of Police Weldon Rasberry
 Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers
 Former Night Captain Robert L. Moore
 George McLaughlin (brother of Mayor and a city employee)
 Mayor McLaughlin
 Richard M. Ryan (Attorney)
 W. S. Jacobs
 Municipal Judge Verne Ledgerwood

Other persons may have attended and made no telephone calls.

The following conversations appear in the logs for January 15, 1937:

6:52 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Walter Ebel called the Gazette at Little Rock:
 Blansford: Hello.
 Ebel: Hello - this is Ebel. Do you want a box score on these two basket ball games?
 Blansford: No. Just give us about three paragraphs.
 Ebel: Is Bill coming over?
 Blansford: He's going to cover the raid over there.
 Ebel: What raid?
 Blansford: Now, maybe I've spoken out of turn.

Ebel: Say, give me the lowdown on that.
 Blansford: Well, they're going to clean up over there tonight.
 Ebel: Who's going to do it?
 Blansford: The Rangers.
 Ebel: Who ordered it? Did Bailey (Governor) order it?
 Blansford: I don't know. Keep that to yourself because I don't know whether it's supposed to be given out.
 Ebel: All right, thanks.

6:55 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Akers: 600 (Mayor's home)
 Woman: Hello.
 Akers: Is Leo there?
 Woman: Who's calling?
 Akers: This is Hervert Akers.
 Woman: Mr. Akers, he isn't in. Is there any message?
 Akers: No, just tell him that I called.

6:56 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Akers: 2115 (W. S. Jacobs)
 (No answer)

(A call at 7:04 P.M. for Akers was answered by an officer who stated Akers was out. He remained away from the Police Station apparently until 8:00 P.M.)

8:00 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Akers placed call for A. G. Albright of the State Rangers at 3-1110, Little Rock. Operator reported that Albright was not in and could not be reached.

8:02 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Akers: Called 494 (Western Union), and asked for Skeeter.
 Skeeter: Hello.
 Akers: What do you know?
 Skeeter: Nothing.
 Akers: Have you had any unusual requests?
 Skeeter: Did you see Walter Ebel?
 Akers: Yes, what's the story?
 Skeeter: Well, this fellow Wilson (Gazette reporter) wired and his wire indicated that they would be over late because they wanted me to remain open to take care of the story. Looks like they may snoop around.

Akers: Yeah.
 Skeeter: Keep this under your hat, Dutch.
 Akers: All right, if you get anything, let me know.

8:05 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

GRM

Akers: 8115 (W. S. Jacobs - unlisted)
Man: Hello.
Akers: Dutch.
Man: OK
Akers: I just verified that with Western Union so it's authentic.
Does he want me to contact him?
Man: Yes. He's gone home. I'm leaving now and I'll be at the
Southern.
Akers: All right.

(The log indicates that immediately after this call Chief
Akers again left the Police Station.)

8:17 P.M. Outgoing on No. 123

JLM

Akers: 666
Mrs. Akers: Hello.
Akers: How are you feeling?
Mrs. Akers: Oh, Not so good.
Akers: You're going to miss the fun tonight.
Mrs. Akers: What is it?
Akers: They're going to raid everything tonight.
Mrs. Akers: I'm glad I'm in - both places?
Akers: No, everything?
Mrs. Akers: Who?
Akers: Boys from Little Rock.
Mrs. Akers: State Rangers?
Akers: Yes, but they're not going to close tonight.
Mrs. Akers: They're not?
Akers: No. Don't call anybody - they all know it.
Mrs. Akers: I won't.
Akers: I'll be home late tonight.
Mrs. Akers: All right, Marking.

8:25 P.M. Incoming on No. 123.

JLM

Wakelin: Is Dutch there?
Akers: Yeah.
Wakelin: Have you heard anything?
Akers: Who is this?
Wakelin: Wakelin.
Akers: Oh, you mean on Jeff? He's at Rodessa, Texas. They'll get
him tonight.
Wakelin: No - you said that other party was over there today.
Akers: Who?
Wakelin: Leo.
Akers: OH. They're fixing to raid everything tonight.
Wakelin: Who?

Akers: The State Rangers.
 Wakelin: For Christ sakes.
 Akers: Been talking to him (Jacobs) - he's going to stay open. He doesn't know what to do - he's running around like his head's cut off.
 Wakelin: Yeah.
 Akers: They'll be here late tonight. I'm going to stay here and if anything happens, I'll call you.
 Wakelin: All right.

(The Jeff mentioned in this conversation apparently is Farmer Jefferson, who is wanted at Hot Springs for the armed robbery of the Citizens Cigar Store (bookie).)

8:37 P.M. Outgoing

JLM

Akers: 2791(Southern Club)
 Man: Hello.
 Akers: Is officer Moore there?
 Bob Moore: Hello.
 Akers: Are you the night chief?
 Bob Moore: What's Gray Albright's home telephone number.
 Akers: Why - what's on your mind?
 Bob Moore: Oh, I just wanted to talk to him.
 Akers: He's not at home.
 Bob Moore: What's his number?
 Akers: Why - what's on your mind? Are you thinking the same as I?
 Bob Moore: I don't know.
 Akers: You're running a close second, Bob.
 Bob Moore: Yeah. What's his number. I'd did know it, but forgot it.
 Akers: I told you he wasn't at home, I just called him.
 Bob Moore: Well, I'll call him around two o'clock.
 Akers: Is the old man (Jacobs) up there?
 Bob Moore: Yes.
 Akers: Have you been talking to him?
 Bob Moore: No.
 Akers: Albright won't be at home at two o'clock - you'll see him before then.
 Bob Moore: Aw - all right.

(Bob Moore is the former Night Captain of Police, and now employed as a guard at the Southern Club. Gray Albright is Superintendent of the Arkansas State Rangers.)

11:25 P.M. Incoming on No. 446.

HAS

Man: Asked for Dutch Akers.
 Akers: Hello.
 Man: Where's the "Kingfish" (Mayor?)
 Akers: He's gone home a few minutes ago. They served (subpoena) him at the confectionery.

Man: Looks like you ducked everything.
 Akers: Oh, I got one too. They served me, just like you did.
 Man: I tried to get in touch with Jimmie Phillips while ago and couldn't.
 Akers: Well, I talked to Earl (Witt) and Marion (Anderson). The "boss" wants all the boys down here at seven in the morning. Wants to talk to them before we go over there (Little Rock). You tell the boys at your place and tell the boys out at the Belveders.
 Man: OK. Did they tell you to bring all papers and checks?
 Akers: Yes, even bad checks.
 Man: Guess I ought to bring that one you gave me. Well, I'll tell them.
 Akers: OK.

(This call apparently originated at the Southern Club.)

The following conversations appear in the log for January 16, 1937, and pertain to the meeting held at the Mayor's Office:

6:50 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

HAS

Bob Moore: Called 600 (McLaughlin's residence)
 McLaughlin: Hello.
 Bob Moore: Mayor, this is Bob Moore. There's a bunch of the boys down at your office now waiting for you.
 McLaughlin: Well, I'll be down there after a bit.

8:01 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

HAS

Jacobs: Called long distance to Little Rock for Louis Tarlowski, attorney, who resides at the Albert Pike Hotel.
 Tarlowski: Hello.
 Jacobs: This is W. S. Jacobs at Hot Springs. Will you be too busy to come to the House and represent us? Mr. Ryan from here will be there too.
 Tarlowski: What time?
 Jacobs: About ten, I guess.
 Tarlowski: OK. I'll be out there.
 Jacobs: You understand - this is Jacobs talking.
 Tarlowski: Yes sir, Mr. Jacobs.

(While waiting for Tarlowski, Jacobs was heard to remark, "He draws all the bills." Louis Tarlowski is listed as an attorney with offices in the Rector Building and residence at the Albert Pike Hotel.)

8:15 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

HAS

McLaughlin: Called Long Distance to Mr. Lee Nichols, House of Representatives, Little Rock, Arkansas, #4-9732.
Nichols: Hello.
McLaughlin: Mr. Nichols, my brother and I were served last night, but mother is sick and we'd rather not leave her today unless it's absolutely necessary.
Nichols: You'd better come. The reason why we took this move is that if the allegations are not true, we'll declare so publicly, but of course if they are true it will be a different proposition.
McLaughlin: Well, I'd rather not leave here today unless I have to.
Nichols: How sick is your mother?
McLaughlin: Well, I don't know exactly - will have to talk to her doctor. You know she's pretty old - around 84.
Nichols: Yes? Weren't you in Little Rock yesterday?
McLaughlin: Well, yes.
Nichols: You'd better come on up here today.
McLaughlin: All right, However, I will be later than the rest.

9:05 A.M. Outgoing on No. 648

GRM

Mayor: Called Ed McHaney (Attorney) at Little Rock
McHaney: Hello.
Mayor: Ed, this is Leo. At 10:30 I'm going to be at the House of Representatives. I want you to meet me there.
McHaney: I can't very well do that, Leo. I've got to be in Court on your case at 11:00 o'clock.
Mayor: OK, then send one of the other boys over.
McHaney: All right.

In view of the developments mentioned herein, and others, the advisability of additional taps in Hot Springs is being considered by the Bureau.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 3, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ROBBERY OF THE KRAFT STATE BANK,
Menomonie, Wisconsin.

On October 20, 1931, the Kraft State Bank, Menomonie, Wisconsin, was robbed by five men. During the course of the robbery, gunfire was exchanged between the robbers and armed citizens and officers, which resulted in the death of two of the robbers, Charles P. Harmon and Frank Weber, both ex-convicts. Charles P. Harmon was at the time of his death the husband of Paula Harmon, who later became the paramour of Fred Barker. During the exchange of gunfire, the son of William Kraft, the President of the bank, was slain, and another citizen was seriously wounded.

While the Bureau has conducted no investigation in an effort to definitely determine the identity of the perpetrators of this bank robbery, some investigation was conducted during the time Francis Keating, Thomas Holden and Frank Nash were fugitives, in an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of these individuals and, from the information obtained, it appears Francis Keating, Thomas Holden, Frank Nash, Charles P. Harmon and Frank Weber were the individuals responsible for the crime. Robert Newbern, No. 21368 Wisconsin State Prison, Waupun, Wisconsin, was convicted of participating in this robbery and is presently serving a sentence for that offense.

During the investigation to locate Keating, Holden and Nash, Mr. William F. Kraft, President of the Kraft State Bank, was interviewed by Special Agent R. C. Coulter, and advised that Dr. D. W. Quilling, a dentist with offices at 705 Physicians and Surgeons Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was acquainted with Frank Weber.

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and that the Sunday prior to the holdup of the Kraft State Bank, Quilling and Weber had had pistol practice together. Mr. Kraft stated that Quilling is his cousin and, although they are related, he felt there might be a possibility that Quilling was the inside man in the case and furnished Keating, Weber and Harmon with information necessary to enable them to successfully rob the bank. Mr. Kraft furnished the further information that he had received a telephonic call from a reporter of the St. Paul Dispatch, whose name was not known to Mr. Kraft, and that the reporter had advised he had talked with Francis Keating, who was seated in an automobile in front of Leon Gleckman's residence in St. Paul, Minnesota, and later at the St. Paul Hotel where Keating was a bodyguard for Gleckman. Keating, it is stated, advised the newspaper reporter that he had an absolute alibi, as he was in conference with the St. Paul Police officials on the date the bank was robbed. You will recall that Leon Gleckman was a notorious underworld character in St. Paul who is now serving a sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for violation of the income tax laws.

Morton S. Hawkins, an ex-convict from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, who, on March 14, 1932, resided at the Clarendon Beach Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agents of the Chicago Field Division in an effort to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Keating, Holden and Nash. Hawkins informed the Agents at that time that he was not acquainted with Holden and Keating but that he knew Frank Nash very well. He advised the Agents that about six weeks prior to the interview, he met an ex-convict from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, by the name of Ed Furey and that Furey advised him the robbery of the Kraft State Bank was perpetrated by Keating, Holden, Nash, Weber and Harmon and that at the time this discussion took place, Keating, Holden and Nash were wanted for the murder of an officer of the bank.

Additional information concerning the robbery was confidentially furnished to Special Agents by J. I. Harmon, an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, and a brother of Charles P. Harmon, who was killed in the robbery, to the effect that Charles P. Harmon was not killed by officers but was double-crossed by Keating and Holden and murdered by them in the getaway.

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Paula Harmon has advised Special Agents that she, with Charles Harmon, lived in St. Paul, Minnesota, six weeks prior to October, 1931. She claimed she did not know the identity of the other individuals who participated in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank, but previous to Charles P. Harmon's death, she and he were closely associated with Frank Nash, Verne Miller, Thomas Holden, Francis Keating, Jack Peifer and Harry Sawyer. This information, of course, is corroborated by other individuals.

No information has been obtained during the extensive investigation conducted by the Bureau concerning the Karpis-Barker gang, including Holden, Keating and Nash, that Robert Newbern was ever associated with these individuals. Of course, this is not conclusive.

^DAlvin Karpis, subsequent to his apprehension, advised Special Agent John E. Brennan that Holden and Keating had been blamed for the robbery of the Kraft State Bank as the car which was used in the robbery had been traced to them; that Keating and Holden had stolen the car at Duluth, Minnesota, and kept it in St. Paul for some time. Karpis stated that he, Fred Barker, Earl Christman, Charles Harmon and Frank Weber robbed this bank and used Keating and Holden's car. Karpis stated that Newbern, who is serving a sentence in the Wisconsin State Prison for this crime, is not guilty; that Newbern was a partner of Leonard Hankins, who is serving a life sentence in the Minnesota State Penitentiary for the robbery of the Third Northwestern State Bank in Minneapolis, a crime which Hankins did not commit, the same having been perpetrated by members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Contrary to the above information, Karpis advised Mr. Suran that he, Karpis, did not participate in the robbery of the Kraft State Bank, but that he had had many conversations with the individuals who had participated in the robbery and knew definitely that Newbern was innocent. Karpis at that time refused to name the individuals who participated but stated they were all either dead or incarcerated in penal institutions. Karpis further advised that Hankins and Newbern had no connection whatsoever with the Karpis-Barker gang and were merely petty gamblers and short-change artists.

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The files contain a letter dated July 12, 1932, setting forth information secured from Mr. William Kraft, the President of the Kraft State Bank, to the effect that witnesses to the bank robbery had been to Leavenworth, Kansas, and had identified Holden and Keating as two of the bandits. So far as is known, Frank Nash was never definitely identified by witnesses as one of the perpetrators of the crime.

Under date of December 9, 1935, photostatic copies of the various reports contained in the Bureau files concerning the robbery of the Kraft State Bank were transmitted to the Milwaukee Field Division with instructions that they be reviewed, and thereafter the Special Agent in Charge was authorized to furnish the information contained therein to Mr. Aloysius W. Glavin, District Attorney, Dunn County, Menomonie, Wisconsin. The Special Agent in Charge was to advise Mr. Glavin that the information in the Bureau's possession was not complete and that it was being furnished to him only as a basis for any further investigation which he desired to conduct.

Respectfully,


P. E. Foxworth.

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 8, 1937.

Honorable Emerich B. Freed,
United States Attorney,
Federal Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: BREKID

There is being furnished to you herewith a
carbon copy of the signed statement made by Joseph Roscoe
at Miami, Florida on January 26, 1937.

This statement was secured from Joseph Roscoe,
you will note, by Special Agents S. K. McKee and E. J. Wynn.
The original signed statement is on file in this office
and will be available to you at the time of the trial.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND
Special Agent in Charge.

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1448 Standard Building,
Cleveland, Ohio.

February 8, 1937

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In a conversation today between the Honorable E. B. Freed, United States Attorney, Cleveland, Ohio, and Special Agent E. J. Wynn, Attorney Freed advised that United States District Judge Hahn of Toledo, Ohio recently suffered a stroke of apoplexy and is presently confined in a hospital in a very serious condition, and that it is not known when he will, if ever, be able to again take up his duties as Judge.

In connection with this matter Attorney Freed stated that all cases pending in the Toledo District would be continued until there is some definite indication as to the condition of Judge Hahn, and expressed the opinion that in the event he is not able to immediately resume his work as Judge, some difficulty and delay may be experienced in securing a Judge to sit in his stead. He stated that this situation may tend to delay the presentation of the Harboring prosecutions in this case.

Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-9-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-4-37	REPORT MADE BY J. F. MC DEVITT
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTI HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. Joseph McGarrity, Philadelphia, states Frank Williams, with aliases (correct name Lawrence DeLacey) is at present connected with the "Dublin Times" in Dublin, Ireland. McGarrity knows nothing concerning Rorke or where he could be located.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1937.

DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

On February 4, 1937, Agent located Mr. Joseph McGarrity at his place of business, 1308 Drury Street, Philadelphia. Agent interviewed Mr. McGarrity in the presence of Special Agent B. M. Hirsch, of this division.

Mr. McGarrity stated that Frank Williams, alias Lawrence DeLacey or Pierce (correct name Lawrence DeLacey) is at present connected with the "Dublin Times" in Dublin, Ireland, and that he, McGarrity, recently talked with him in Ireland. McGarrity said he has no recollection of machine gun #950, but that if it was one of the machine guns turned over to him, it can be stated with assurance that it was never found in the United States after he received it, but he did not just say why

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he was so sure, and would not, but the supposition is, of course, that after the guns were turned over to him, they finally found their way to Ireland. McGarrity added that Williams could not possibly know anything whatever about machine gun #950.

As to George Gordon Rorke, McGarrity said that he does not know where he is nor how he could be found; that Rorke was not a member of their organization at any time and he cannot understand how any of the guns could have been turned over to Rorke, as he was not entitled to same.

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Miss Gandy

RCS:MO

February 5, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FOXWORTH

Re: Mattson Kidnaping Case

On February 5, 1937, Mr. D. H. Stolz called at the Bureau and was interviewed by me. Mr. Stolz stated that he had some information concerning the persons responsible for the kidnaping and murder of Charles Fletcher Mattson, but that he would not furnish this information to the Bureau unless he was paid the reward for the capture of Alvin Karpis, inasmuch as he had furnished the Pittsburgh Field Division with information which ultimately led to the capture of Karpis, but he had not received a reward.

The file reflects that on September 10, 1935, Stolz called at the Pittsburgh Field Division and advised that Karpis and William Elmer Head frequented a Chinese restaurant located at 2816 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. He was questioned concerning the source of his information. Stolz at that time stated he was a psychic and had his own way of learning the whereabouts of criminals sought by the Bureau. He stated further to Agent Rose of the Pittsburgh Division he had worked in the past on the Lindbergh case and had worked in connection with William Wallace of the New York City Police Department.

Mr. Stolz advised me that he had obtained his information concerning the Mattson case in the same manner as he had determined the location of Alvin Karpis; that he was a psychic and could obtain valuable information. I advised Mr. Stolz that his information did not result in the apprehension of Alvin Karpis, and no reward would be paid to him in connection with that matter. He continued to insist that he was entitled to the reward and finally stated that if he were given a written agreement that the information furnished by him concerning the Mattson case proved to be productive, he would be paid the reward. I advised Mr. Stolz that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not enter into a written agreement with him concerning the matter, as it was against the policy of the Bureau to execute

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such agreements as suggested by him. He then stated he was afraid the Bureau would double-cross him as Anna Sage had been double-crossed. I thereupon advised Mr. Stols that he should learn the facts before questioning the integrity of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Thereafter, he stated his information concerning the Mattson case which had been obtained by him through his psychic power was that a man using the alias of Frank Storey, formerly of Portland, Oregon, and as the information comes to him through his psychic power, Storey is supposed to have served a two year term in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, on the charge of burglary. He stated this individual is one of the kidnapers of the Mattson boy and is described as follows:

Age	28 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Gray
Nose	Hooked, has probably been broken
Hair	Brown
Face	Thin
Clothes	Wears light suit and light cap

Stols further advised he had obtained through his psychic power that Storey has an associate whose name is Edward Stevens and who is described as follows:

Age	30 years
Height	5 feet 6 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Small mustache
Clothes	Wears dark clothes

Stols advised Stevens served a term in Atlanta two years ago for burglary. He advised that it is further revealed to him through his psychic power that Storey and Stevens at the time of the kidnaping were about two miles from Shelton, Washington, and were driving a Pontiac car; that the victim in this case was drowned on January 8, 1937, in a bay. The body was thereafter taken to north of Everett, Washington, stabbed, and thereafter placed where it was found.

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Stols stated it appears to him these men are presently located in San Diego, California, and are living with sailors. He advised they will plan to leave in the immediate future. He stated that he feels he will be able to learn through his psychic power the exact location of these individuals when they leave San Diego and will advise the Bureau.

For your information, Stols was referred to the Bureau by Congressman Don Gingery, Twenty-third Congressional District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully,

R. C. Suran.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Washington Field Division, Room 4244,
Washington, D. C.

February 8, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN,
WITH ALIASES - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL
FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. D. Reynolds, dated at Buffalo, New York, January 13, 1937, in which an undeveloped lead is set out for the Washington Field Division to obtain a copy of the fingerprints of George G. Rorke from the War Department, in order that same may be placed in the files of the Identification Division of the Bureau with an appropriate wanted notice.

The Bureau is respectfully requested to obtain the fingerprints of George G. Rorke from the War Department, in order that same may be placed in the files of the Identification Division with an appropriate wanted notice and the Cincinnati Field Division notified in the event the whereabouts of Rorke is ascertained.

The attention of the Buffalo Field Division is respectfully called to Section three, paragraph six of the Manual of Instructions which states that the office of origin will be held responsible for the development of a lead to the Bureau, requesting that a copy of anyone's fingerprints be obtained from a designated service, in order that by the use of such fingerprints an appropriate wanted notice may be placed in the Identification Division of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

February 19, 1937

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Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

Re: GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH MORAN,
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1232;
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim;
Kidnaping; Obstruction of Justice;
Harboring of Fugitives; National
Firearms Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February
8, 1937, concerning George G. Kerke.

Please be advised that a search of the files
of the War Department, Navy Department, and Marine Corps
has failed to disclose any record in this case. A search
of the name files of the Identification Division of the
Bureau has failed to establish an identification in this
case.

In the event any additional information con-
cerning the service record of George G. Kerke is available,
it is suggested that such data be furnished to the
Bureau so that a further search may be conducted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Herewith please find memorandum which was handed to me by Assistant Attorney General Brien McMahon, and submitted to him by Mr. Charles H. Carr. I am told that this possesses all of the matters referred to in the statements made by Mr. Knight. I hope that you will look into this matter with your usual vigor.

For your information, I saw Mr. Knight, I believe, on a single occasion with Congressman Wilcox, who was not only the Congressman from his District, but whose former secretary was married to young Adams.

For your further information, I believe that Mr. Wilcox did most of the talking, and I would greatly appreciate it if you would obtain a statement from him as to what transpired during that interview, since this was the only thing that I had to do with the case.

As I recall, Mr. Parrish had suggested Mr. Barlow's assisting the United States Attorney in this case.

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Joseph B. Keenan

Joseph B. Keenan,
The Assistant to the Attorney General

We are now to go ahead vigorously on this. I want every angle immediately investigated & cleared up. 2/10/37 C.N.

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MEMORANDUM FOR
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
BRIEN McMAHON

Re: United States v. Joseph H.

Adams, et al.

On January 25, 1937, motions to suppress the statements of Adams and Randall were heard and disposed of in Miami, Florida. A short time prior to the hearing of the motions (approximately three weeks) Mr. Riley, counsel for the defendants, filed a memorandum in connection with the motions. This memorandum purported to be a narrative history of the case and included within the memorandum was a statement respecting certain alleged attempts by persons to collect \$10,000.00 from Mr. T.R. Knight, father-in-law of Joseph H. Adams, for the purpose of "fixing" the case. This statement was very general in its nature and gave no specific information with relation to the time, place and persons connected with the alleged attempt to collect the \$10,000.00 from Mr. Knight.

Shortly thereafter the writer arrived in Miami to oppose the motions to suppress and I contacted Mr. Bart A. Riley and requested that he have Mr. Knight write up a detailed account of the alleged attempt to collect the \$10,000.00. After the motions were disposed of Mr. Riley contacted the writer and stated that Mr. Knight would come to the office of the United States Attorney and there give all of the facts that he knew concerning the alleged attempt to collect the \$10,000.00 from him.

After the motions were concluded on January 25, 1937, Mr. Knight, accompanied by Mr. Riley, appeared at the office of the United States Attorney and thereupon made a statement.

Because of the fact that Mr. Riley in his argument to the court upon the motion related generally that an attempt had been made to collect \$10,000.00 out of Knight for the purpose of "fixing" the case and insinuated and in substance stated that the case would have never been prosecuted except

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for the fact that Knight had refused to pay the \$10,000.00, I stated to Mr. Knight and Mr. Riley, in the office of the United States Attorney, that it was the desire of the Department to have all of the facts and particularly any facts that might in any way point to any official.

Mr. Knight stated that starting back at the Cortez Hotel in Miami, just after Adams was arrested, that he (Knight) was over there one night talking to Mr. John ~~Hansen~~ and Hansen said: "Don't be foolish and pay out any money for a lawyer. If you have to have a lawyer get some young fellow just out of school and give him a hundred dollars." Knight said he thought nothing of it at the time and thanked him because he thought, and would not say now, that it was not given with the best of intentions. Knight said that about the ninth or tenth of May he was called from his dinner table one night by a Jewish voice which said: "Are you the Mr. Knight who has the son-in-law who is in trouble with the Government?" Knight stated he was and the voice said: "Well, where can I see you tonight, its important." Knight stated that he could be seen down in the lobby in about a half hour. Knight stated that the voice on the phone said; "You probably don't know me but I have known you for fifteen years." Knight then went into the lobby and a man by the name of Joseph A. ~~Richter~~ in the jewelry business on East Flagler Street, next to the Olympia Theatre, in Miami, Florida, said to him: "Mr. Knight I don't know anything about this case at all, but I had a call from a very dear friend in Baltimore, a very wealthy man in Baltimore and very influential who told me to get in touch with you and tell you if you will come to Baltimore at once that they will get this case all settled for you and I am to call him back as soon as I have talked with you." Mr. Knight stated: "Call him here from my office." Richter put the call in and within approximately two minutes a Jewish voice in Baltimore came on the phone and said: "Mr. Knight, I am not a politician but I have a friend who is in a position to get this case settled for you." Knight said: "Well, if you can get it settled its evidently someone with the Department of Justice," and the voice said: "Well, we are in a position to do what we say we are."

Knight further stated that either the following day or the second day thereafter he went to Baltimore; that when he arrived at the airport to take the plane Richter was there and went along with him; that they took a plane to Washington and caught a train to Baltimore and from there went over to this Jew's place, whose name is ~~Miller~~. Miller's place of

business is a pawn shop and a very cheap looking jewelry store. Knight stated that Miller is very wealthy, comes down to Miami, owns property there, has loaned a great deal of money in Miami and that Richter is his agent in that city. Knight stated that he went over to Miller's place of business and was introduced by Richter to Miller and then was introduced to his son and he said: "Now my friend thats going to handle this for you will be over here in just a little while and his name is Benny Franklin." Knight said: "Well, suppose I go to my hotel room and let Mr. Franklin come over there", to which Miller agreed. Knight then proceeded to the Lord Baltimore Hotel, registered, went to his room, cleaned up and came down about 5:30 or 6:00 o'clock to get something to eat and met Benny Franklin, accompanied by young Miller, going into the dining room. Knight was introduced to Franklin and asked to have dinner with them, which he did. Nothing was discussed at the table, but after dinner the three proceeded to Knight's room and Knight was told by Mr. Franklin that the real guy and the man in authority that would make the deal would be in Knight's room at midnight. Knight stated that he asked Franklin what kind of a deal he was talking about and Franklin said: "Its going to take some money, you didn't expect it wouldn't, did you?" Knight replied he didn't know, that he had just gotten their invitation. Franklin then said: "I don't know, the other fellow will tell you the amount, I know that the money will have to be split five ways." Young Miller then said: "Mr. Franklin don't count us in we don't want any money, what we are doing we are trying to help a friend." Knight stated that this aroused his suspicion because they were not any friends of his and he had never heard of them before. Franklin then said: "What I want to assure you is that this man is in authority and whatever he tells you is law and you can depend on it." Knight stated that Franklin told him that he(Franklin) wanted Richter to hold the stakes. Franklin then stated that the real man and the man in authority would be there at midnight.

Knight stated that promptly at midnight a gentleman rapped on the door and when he opened it a man stepped in and said his name was Sher. Knight stated that he doesn't think that was the man's real name. He asked the man how to spell the name and he said: "S-h-e-r." Sher then said: "Now you have been very foolish in this matter and thrown away a lot of money in attorney's fees and thats not our fault, you were warned not to do it in the outset." At this point Mr. Riley interrupted and asked the following question: "Now just one minute, thats the reason why you made that statement that Hanson made to you?" (Answer) "I do that without prejudice, Gentlemen. I don't know why or how but thats the facts. Mr. Hanson will tell you that his advice to me was good, friendly advice. I wouldn't say anyting to harm him in the world,

but thats what happened."

Sher continued, saying: "Not only that, you have been as dumb as hell. We have thrown every hint in the world at you except to tell you in plain English to come up to Baltimore and get in touch with Benny Franklin." Sher stated: "You would have been told that on the last trip of our man, but he never did get a chance." Sher then told Knight that there was no need to take up much time with this thing and proceeded to tell Knight, as Knight stated it: "Everything that has happened better than I can tell it. He told me of my visit to Baltimore, my talk with - He told me of my visit with Mark Wilcox and Joe Keenan's office and what took place and what was said more distinctly and more verbatim than I could ever repeat it. He told me of subsequent visits and talks in Miami with Mr. Barlow. He told me more about it than I knew." Then Sher said: "Now that gives you a background to check my position." Knight then stated: "So what? What is the rest of the story?" To which Sher replied: "Well, it will cost you \$10,000.00 to get this case dismissed." Knight said: "Mr. Sher, Mr. Keenan and Mr. Barlow - Mr. Keenan didn't tell me directly it would be dismissed; he did tell me to give it time - to give it a little time and he was sure everything would work out all right. He told me and Mark Wilcox that, and he also told the Mayor of Miami, Cliff Reeder, to tell Adams' wife that she had nothing to worry about; and Barlow has told me not once but half a dozen times that this case was going to be dismissed. He (Sher) laughed and said By God, it hasn't been dismissed. But it will be dismissed; I'm telling you now how it will be dismissed, but it hasn't been dismissed up to now and I said: No, I know that. Well, I said, \$10,000.00 is a lot of money. He said, Yes, I understand that, but not much when it has to be divided five ways. I said, Yes, thats true. Well, I said, Frankly, Mr. Sher, I don't know whether I could raise \$10,000.00 or not. Well, he said, I didn't expect you to bring \$10,000.00 up here in your grip, but, he said, thats up to you; and he beat his fist down on his chair, and he said, But I'm telling you now; I don't know what Barlow has told you, and I don't know what Joe Keenan has told you - he referred to them all as Joe and Walter, and Hoover as Edgar Hoover, and he said, I don't care what they have told you, you can just put it down this case is not going to be dismissed unless you come through with that \$10,000.00, he said, What do you think? Do you think us Government men can live on the puny salary we get? I said, I don't know."

Knight stated that prior to this conversation with Sher, Barlow had told him that he (Barlow) was absolutely in authority and that he had recommended to officers higher up in the Department that the case be dismissed. Knight stated that

he and Riley learned from Barlow and Keenan that the case would be dismissed before he had this conversation with Sher. Knight stated that in this conversation with Sher he told him that Barlow appeared in earnest and asked Sher "What assurance have I got - how do I know that you haven't in some way found out that these cases are going to be dismissed?" "I have. I have been told so and I believe it. I have been told that. How do I know you haven't gotten that information and just intend to hold me up for \$10,000.00?"

Mr. Riley then interrupted and asked Knight if he, Knight, had not learned from Barlow and Keenan that the case would be dismissed, to which Knight stated that he wouldn't say that Mr. Keenan ever definitely told him it would be dismissed, but Barlow had.

Continuing the conversation with Sher, Knight stated: "Mr. Sher, back of all that the Government hasn't got any case because Joe Adams and I live in the same hotel in the same apartment and I was there all the time that these damn crooks were there. I didn't know who they were. I had not the slightest idea; and I said, neither did Joe Adams. Well, he said, that don't make any difference. We have what it takes to convict. He said, Walter Barlow is the smoothest prosecutor you ever saw, and he can convince any jury in the world, and Edgar Hoover is blood-thirsty, and he is after this boy. Now, he said, that argument is, to my mind, he said, is foolish. Unless you get this thing out of the way, Walter Barlow, with all his swaying powers before the jury, and the witnesses you know we have got, and they will convict him. Well, I said, maybe so, but I know they have no case. Then I said, Assuming that your argument was true, Mr. Sher, this is all new to me, and I never dreamed of it before, I said, assuming that you are right, and that the payment of \$10,000.00 we make is the only way to get my kid out of this trouble, you are a business man, and you are well-dressed, and you are smart; show me how you are going to prove to me that you are not doing what I have just talked about, that you have not gotten this information some way; and he looked up to the ceiling and said, There is six indictments against Adams, isn't there? and I said, Yes. He said, Suppose I have Walter Barlow go down there and dismiss three of those indictments voluntarily; just go before the Judge and dismiss three indictments; would that convince you that I know what I'm talking about? I said, Yes, but will you do that? He said, ~~Walter Barlow~~ will do what he is told to do. Well, I said, yes, that would convince me that you know what you are talking about. I still can't tell you whether I can get you the \$10,000.00 or not. If you want to have that done,

go ahead, and have it done, and I'll see what I can do in the meantime, but I have got to have some proof that you have not just gotten the information like it was told to me, that the cases are going to be dismissed, and trying to use it?"

Knight stated further that very soon after that conversation Barlow came down and dismissed three indictments and immediately these parties in Baltimore called him on long distance telephone and wanted to know if he was ready to do business. Knight stated that it was the same man, Sher, who talked to him on the telephone this time. He further stated that Sher had called him two or three or four times, one of those times Mr. Riley listened in on the conversation. Sher, after asking Knight if he was ready to do business, said: "When the Chamber of Commerce (meaning the Grand Jury) meets now I will see that there are no new indictments to take the place of those dismissed." Knight stated that Sher gave him the date the Grand Jury would meet and that the Grand Jury did meet on that day and there were no new indictments.

After the Grand Jury met, Sher began to call Knight and press him for the money, the \$10,000.00, and Knight stated that he told him he couldn't raise it in the first place and in the second place he hadn't up to that time committed any crime and wasn't going to if he knew it and that he wasn't going to take any chances, and that they would take their chances and go to trial. Knight stated that he immediately went to Washington and got Mark Wilcox and went over to Walter Barlow's office and there told Barlow who these people were and where they were on that date. Knight said: "Even to this man Sher, because I had found he was in Atlantic City." Knight further stated that Mr. Wilcox told Barlow that he (Barlow) had been promising that these cases were going to be dismissed and that there hadn't been anything done about it. Knight and Wilcox then related to Barlow the circumstances surrounding the activities of Sher and his associates and Barlow said: "I told Bob under no circumstances to pay them a dime because in the first place he would be committing a crime."

Knight then stated that the following occurred: "Mark said, Now, this is a serious matter, one of the most serious I have ever come across, and he said, so far as we know you have been very fair to us, but, he said, this is a serious matter, and one with which I walked the floor all night when I found out about it, and he said, it is my intention to go over and ask a Congressional investigation of this thing. Barlow said, Well, Knight, what you want is to get this thing stopped, and stop this publicity on your family, isn't it? and I said, That's what I want, Mr. Barlow, and I haven't gotten

it. He then told Mark Wilcox and I, he said, Now, listen, he said, of course the Government don't know anything about this, the Department don't know anything about it, and had nothing to do with it, but, he said, you know the general public hasn't any too much confidence in our Government as it is, and he said, if you go and air this thing to the public, he said, a lot of people are going to think that somebody in authority was in on it. I said, Yes, sir; if you will pardon me for saying so, I will be forced to be one of the public; I can't do otherwise. I said, What other explanation, Mr. Barlow, can you offer for this man knowing every detail in a conversation that transpired between you and I, and a conversation that transpired in Keenan's office? He said, The only way I can account for it is some stenographer that had been fired out of the Department. I said, That wouldn't do, Mr. Barlow, because it would take more than one stenographer, because they relate to different times and different offices, and they know too much about the case to have gotten it from that source. Well, he said, I'll tell you what I'll do, he said, if you fellows will just let this matter rest as it is. I'll get this case dismissed. That's what you want. I said, Yes, but I said, you have been telling us that for a long time, and this bird tells me just as emphatically and more so, that it is not going to be dismissed unless I pay \$10,000.00. He said, Where are you going? I told him I intended to go on up to New York. So he promised Wilcox and I there again that if we would let the matter rest, he would get the case disposed of - dismissed - within two weeks. Congress was about to adjourn at that time, but we still believed it would do what he said he would do, and believed he was in authority, because that was the representation that had been made to us." Knight stated further that the last time Walter Barlow was in Miami he assured Knight that the cases would be dismissed.

Knight stated that Benny Franklin lived in Baltimore, that he has since heard that Franklin was in a very bad physical condition and he might be dead. Knight stated further that he was told at the hotel in Baltimore that Franklin was known all over Baltimore and that he lived in a \$75,000.00 home there

Knight stated that he asked Sher if he was a member of the Bureau of Investigation as he (Knight) anticipated probably some attempt to trap him into some scheme or other, and that Sher replied that he was not in that Department but referred all the time to "we will do" and "We can do." Knight stated that Sher referred in his conversation to his brother-in-law, saying to Knight that "You understand a few

things you are to do and a few things you are not to do. In the first place you are not to go back to Washington and say anything to Mark Wilcox about this because there can't be any slip in this thing. If there is, it will be just too bad for you," to which Knight replied: "Don't start that kind of stuff my friend, because I have been through so much that just goes over my head. I don't care anything about that, if its threats you are making." Knight continued by saying: "I don't know if I will see Mark Wilcox or not, but this is your proposition." Knight stated further that Sher then brought up about his brother-in-law saying: "If you had a brother-in-law that had been in the Department for about twenty years, and stands very high in the Department, you wouldn't want to bungle something to cause him to lose his job, would you? I don't and I can't afford to."

Knight further stated that he told Sher on the telephone on one occasion "I might raise \$5,000.00," to which Sher replied: "No, that won't do." A little later Sher called back and stated that Miller had said he didn't want anything out of it and Richter had said he didn't want anything out of it, but that they were only getting \$500.00 a piece, so he told Knight "You can settle it for \$9,000.00 but that's the least and unless you can send that and send it at once, the deal is off."

Mr. Riley produced a copy of a letter from his file, the same being dated May 10, 1935, addressed to Judge H.L. Ritter, wherein the address of H.D. Miller was given as 423 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Maryland. A copy of the letter was given to the writer and the same further verifies the date of the telephone conversation, to which Riley listened in, as being May 9, 1935.

Knight described Richter as being a little man, about 120 or 25 pounds, with a rather typical Jewish face and stated that his place of business was next to the Olympia Theatre and known as the Richter Jewelry Store.

Knight described young Miller as being about 24 or 5 years of age, nicely dressed young Jew, about five feet seven inches in height and weighing about 160 pounds.

Knight described Sher as being a stocky built fellow weighing around 170 pounds, height about five feet six inches, rather dark complected, full head of dark hair, eyes set wide apart, looked to be a German, very nattily dressed, and an unusual type.

Knight described Benny Franklin as being very short, heavy set Jew, very stock build, big stomach, about five feet three or four inches in height and weighing about 175 or 80 pounds, bald headed and well known, according to Knight, "all over Baltimore."

Knight stated that on May 9, 1935, a long distance telephone call from Baltimore was received by him and Mr. Riley listened in on the telephone and heard the conversation. He stated that when the call came the voice asked for Richter, Richter was in the office at the hotel and the voice inquired of Richter if Bob Knight was there, to which Richter replied, "Yes."

Knight stated that Barlow on different occasions showed him papers respecting dismissals and prospective dismissals of the cases. He stated that he remembered one thing very distinctly - that one of Barlow's recommendations included a quotation which he had heard Riley use in the court that day, that the substance of the quotation was that it was the duty of the Government prosecutor to prosecute, that he might deal hard blows and it was his duty to do so, but he was not at liberty to deal foul blows. Knight stated that Barlow showed him a recommendation with all that in it.

Knight stated that the last conversation or contact he had with Sher was the one in which the \$9,000.00 was discussed. He also stated that this was the last contact he had with any of these people.

Knight stated that he never discussed the matter with Richter but had told him before they went to Baltimore that if Richter went in an effort to assist him that he (Knight) would pay his expenses. Knight stated that he didn't know Richter was going and that Richter had said he was not going, but when he got out to the plane that morning Richter was there, bought his own ticket and got on the plane and went up.

Knight stated that the only conversation he ever had with Richter, more than just passing and speaking to him, was possibly three or four months prior to January 25, 1937, at which time he dropped into Richter's store and told

him "Now let me pay your expenses to Baltimore, I am willing to pay it," and Richter stated that he had attended to some other business there and didn't want it.

Shortly after Knight completed his statement, John Hanson was in the office of the United States Attorney to confer with the writer respecting preparation of the Adams case for trial and was at that time asked if he had made any statements to Knight that he (Knight) should not hire a lawyer or that he (Hanson) had recommended to Knight that he get a young lawyer and pay him a hundred dollars. Hanson informed the writer that he at no time made any such statement.

The writer respectfully recommends that this matter be referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order that the matter may be investigated to determine whether any offenses have been committed.

In this connection it should be pointed out that the Adams case is now set for trial on June 7, 1937, and any investigation of the matter heretofore set out should be made with consideration as to its possible effect upon the trial. In other words, it is the personal opinion of the writer that while the facts contained in Knight's statement may, or may not, be true, he and his attorney are endeavoring to drag the Government off into a fight over a side issue. This is obvious from the fact that both Riley and Knight have continued to indicate by statements and innuendo that the only reason the Adams case is being presented is because the \$10,000.00 was not paid. In fact Riley substantially said so in open court. Also, Riley has clearly indicated that he expects at the time of the trial to convey the idea to the court and jury, by any method available, that an innocent man is being prosecuted merely because someone in the Department of Justice was not paid off.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ CHARLES H. CARR,
Special Attorney.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 6, 1937

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Suran communicated by telephone with Mr. Shanahan, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, relative to the information furnished by Mr. Shanahan to Special Agent E. J. Wynn to the effect that the Department had not received a copy of the report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, dated at Chicago, Illinois, December 12, 1936, in the case entitled GEORGE TIMINEY, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM; KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT. Mr. Suran advised Mr. Shanahan the records of the Bureau disclosed that a copy of the aforementioned report was transmitted to Mr. McMahon on December 18, 1936. Mr. Shanahan stated that he would make a further search for this report and would advise Mr. Suran at a later date whether the same could be located in the Department files.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
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Detroit, Michigan.

Feb. 9th, 1937.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Re: Unknown Subjects,
Edsel Ford, Victim,
Extortion.

Dear Sir:

On 2-5-37 while discussing other matters with Harry Bennett of the Ford Motor Co., he mentioned the above case and pointed out that the victim had on Feb. 8, 1934 received a letter postmarked that date in Rochester, Minn. and that Edward Bremer of St. Paul was released at Rochester, Minn. on Feb. 7th, 1934.

He also stated that since Cassius McDonald had been arrested that the victim herein had not received any additional letters, in view of which he was of the opinion that the letters may have been written by McDonald in conjunction with some of the subjects of the Bremer kidnapping.

The above information is being forwarded to you for your consideration in the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

D.H. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-9-37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-28, 29; 2-4, 5, 6-37	REPORT MADE BY F. G. TILLMAN
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX with aliases; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #1232, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Benson Groves probably last visited Benwood, W. Va. about 10 years ago. Former associates, acquaintances and relatives deny knowledge of his present whereabouts. Fred Hape, friend and correspondent, Bellaire, Ohio, has cottage at Roxbury, Ohio. Arrangements made for observation of possible contacts. Reed Groves, nephew, advised Wm. Samuels, Wheeling, when drunk, that Groves was at McKeefrey, W. Va. Inquiry at McKeefrey unproductive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letters from Cleveland Field Division 11-20-36 and 1-6-37; Report of Special Agent F. G. Tillman, Pittsburgh, 12-24-36.</p> <p>DETAILS: Investigation in the vicinity of Benwood, West Virginia, disclosed that BENSON GROVES was associated with a gang of safeblowers, thieves and receivers of stolen property at Benwood prior to his conviction for theft from interstate shipment on February 13, 1917, among whom were FRANK MAHOOD alias "Bay-Day"; EVERETT MAHOOD; LEONARD GOEGELEIN; JACK BURSEE; JOE OSER alias "Cheesey"; CLYDE HOLLEY; "Cap" SHIPMAN; HARRY STONE; and the Finnegan brothers. Of these individuals, only JACK BURSEE, JOE OSER and possibly HARRY STONE are now living. Groves was also closely allied with FRED NIEBERGALL, Sherrard, West Virginia; MONT BONER and ED SOUTHERN, Benwood, West Virginia; and</p>			
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FRED HEPE, Belleaire, Ohio, although these persons are said not to have been members of the gang. Of his relatives, only MRS. ANNA EVERETT and CLARK SPROUT are now residing at Benwood.

AT BENWOOD, WEST VIRGINIA.

CLARK SPROUT, 431 Main Street, a cousin of Groves, stated that he last saw BENSON GROVES approximately ten years ago at Benwood and has not received any communications from him since that time, or learned of any person being in contact with him. Sprout declared that he believed that Groves is dead as he ceased to send money to him, or MRS. ANNA EVERETT, for the care of his mother's grave, as was his custom, about eight years ago. Sprout advised that in the event Groves did visit Benwood, he would most likely stay with him, Mrs. Everett or ED SOUTHERN, but Groves would not, in his opinion, come to that borough. With respect to his relatives, Sprout advised that Groves' only living relatives are Mrs. Everett, his sister, IDA B. GROVES, his step-mother, IDA GROVES and nephew, H. H. GROVES, all of whom have been previously mentioned in the file. Sprout also insisted that his associates in unlawful activities in Benwood were all now deceased and that he had no close friends in this vicinity. In conclusion, Sprout frankly stated that he would not advise any officer if he knew the whereabouts of Groves although denying such knowledge.

MRS. ANNA J. EVERETT, a sister of Groves and JOSEPH MAHOOD, the father of SAM MAHOOD, Deputy Sheriff, Moundsville, West Virginia, mentioned in the reference report, both residing at 443 Main Street, Benwood, advised that Groves was last at Benwood about eight or ten years ago, just prior to his arrest in New Jersey. Both stated that Groves did not return following his release from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, and that they were of the opinion that he was still confined in that institution, or dead. Mrs. Everett did not appear to be concerned about the activities of her brother, or have any knowledge of his recent activities. Mahood related that following an explosion at Bucyrus, Ohio, on the date of the Dempsey-Willard fight, on July 4, 1919, in which FRANK MAHOOD was killed and LEONARD GOECKELIN blinded and otherwise injured, Groves ceased to live in Benwood and made his headquarters in Ohio. Mahood could not state the names of his associates in Ohio, their addresses, or the town in which Groves made his residence. Further, Mahood does not believe that his relatives or acquaintances in Benwood are aware of his present whereabouts or correspond with him. JOSEPH MAHOOD also furnished the names of Groves' friends identical to those received from other sources, hereinafter set out, and a lengthy reminiscence of Groves' activities, containing no information pertinent to the present investigation.

MONT BONER, 22 Sixth Street, Benwood, who was said to be a close friend of Groves and a person who would probably harbor him if so requested, related that Groves stayed at his home for a few days in 1923, following his discharge from the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, but has not visited or corresponded with him since that time. With respect to visits at Benwood, Groves was said to appear infrequently and reside a few days with friends, namely, himself, CLARK SPROUT, ED SOUTHERN and MRS. ANNA EVERETT, as he did not maintain a residence or a permanent room, even years ago. Boner stated that following the death of FRANK MAHOOD, Groves went to Ohio and variously lived in Canton, Cleveland, Akron, and Youngstown. Boner could not furnish the specific addresses or dates of residence in any of the above named cities, or the names of his associates in any of them. With reference to the close associates of Groves at Benwood, Boner stated that he formerly operated a saloon which Groves and his friends frequented. Of these friends, Boner could only recall, of those living, ED SOUTHERN, Benwood, and FRED HEPE, Bellaire, Ohio. With respect to Hepe, Boner stated that he was the only individual, other than his relatives, with whom Groves corresponded. Boner denied that he has been in contact with Groves since his departure from Benwood. Boner admitted that if Groves did return to Benwood he "would be glad to see him" and would furnish a place for him to live, stating that he would not make any effort to cause his apprehension. According to Boner, Groves rarely worked, his last occupation being that of a coal miner at Benwood more than twenty-five years ago.

ED SOUTHERN, 525 Main Street, Benwood, averred that he has not seen or communicated with BENSON GROVES for approximately eight years, basing his estimation of the time Groves was last in Benwood as a year or two prior to his arrest in New Jersey. Southern related that he lost contact with Groves and at this time could not recall the names of any of his former associates, believing them to be dead, or residences which Groves established after departing from Benwood. Southern stated that Groves considered Benwood "unlucky" and following the death of FRANK MAHOOD by a rival gang, or members of the same gang, as herein described, he moved to Ohio. Southern disclaimed any knowledge of his present activities or whereabouts, stating that he believed Groves to be dead and that if alive, he would not return to Benwood because of his being widely known in this vicinity. Southern discussed Groves' past actions and associates, furnishing information repetitive of that secured more fully from other sources as set forth herein.

J. H. LEWIS, Lieutenant of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Police, Wheeling, West Virginia, advised that ERNEST CHAPMAN, Captain of the Railroad Police, is presently assigned in Parkersburg, West Virginia. Mr. Lewis advised that he knew of BENSON GROVES as a former notorious criminal of Benwood, but could not furnish any information with respect to his associates, referring the writer to HARDESTY SHEPPARD, a patrolman employed by the above railroad at Benwood, as a person well acquainted with the activities of Groves and other hoodlums at Benwood.

Mr. Sheppard related that Benson was accompanied on his last known "job" at Benwood by FRANK MAHOOD alias DAY-DAY, EVERETT MAHOOD and LEONARD GEGELEIN, all deceased, these men being the nucleus of a gang of safe blowers operating out of Benwood probably under some agreement with the then Chief of Police at Benwood, not to commit any crimes in that borough. According to Mr. Sheppard, these men had a power boat on the Ohio River and would break into box cars on the tracks by the river, load the boat and escape. However, all these men were known safe-blowers and usually followed that particular crime.

Mr. Sheppard referred the writer to JOHN LUCEY, 1527 Marshall Street, Benwood, as a person well acquainted with the residents and rumors current in Benwood. Lucey was called into the railroad office and interviewed in the presence of Hardesty. A discussion between Hardesty and Lucey disclosed that FRANK MAHOOD and LEONARD GEGELEIN were in a garage at Bucyrus, Ohio, arranging to divide money secured in a burglary which they had concealed in the spare tire of an automobile, when some individual, whose identity is unknown to Hardesty and Lucey and presumably to the local officers, caused an explosion with nitro-glycerine used in safe blowing. Mahood was killed outright and Gegelein was blinded and otherwise injured, dying several years ago. Following the explosion, EVERETT MAHOOD boasted that he knew who killed his brother and was going to kill them. In 1924 EVERETT MAHOOD was murdered at Benwood, presumably by the same individuals who caused the explosion. Mr. Hardesty and Mr. Lucey also set the date of the explosion as the day of the Dempsey-Willard fight, July 4, 1919.

Following the death of her husband, MRS. EVERETT MAHOOD married a Mr. Pennybaker, now deceased, and later RAYMOND SCANLAN. She is now residing at 11 Sixteenth Street, McMechen, West Virginia. Mr. Lucey feels that she is on good terms with SOUP GROVES and that Groves would visit her if he was in this community. Lucey stated that she has two children, a boy age 19, and a girl age 12. The boy goes with a sister-in-law of Lucey and Lucey advised that he could successfully secure such knowledge as the boy possessed concerning Groves together with advice as to whether he visited Mrs. Scanlan. In view of the inquiry to be conducted by Mr. Lucey, no effort was made to interview Mrs. Scanlan, as such would lead to guarded replies to Lucey's questioning.

With respect to Groves' associates, these men advised that he was friendly with WILLIE OSER, McMechen; "CHEESKY" OSER, address unknown; JACK BURSKE, McMechen; and "ALLEY" BOWMAN, residing somewhere in Ohio. Both Hardesty and Lucey stated that they did not believe Groves has been in

Benwood subsequent to his conviction in New Jersey in 1931. Further, they have not heard of any person being in contact with Groves, the current rumor being that Groves is dead or confined in some institution, including the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Hardesty stated that LOUIS GORKEY, a former city official at Benwood is dead, and LUKE GARVEY, former Chief of Police at Benwood and a former Prohibition or Internal Revenue Agent, is now residing at Parkersburg, West Virginia. Either of these men may be the LUKE GORVEY or GNOVEY referred to in the reference letter of November 20, 1936. In this connection, Mr. Hardesty referred Agent to JOHN GARVEY, 1708 Gessemer Street, Benwood, an Engineer on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and a brother of LUKE GARVEY. JOHN GARVEY stated that he has not seen or heard of BENSON GROVES for more than twenty years although Groves is known to him, they being about the same age and reared together. With reference to Groves' activities, Garvey could furnish no information other than that herein set out. He stated that LUKE GARVEY may be found at the Chancellor Hotel, Parkersburg, West Virginia.

It appears from the conversation of the above stated persons that Groves is well known to all the older residents of Benwood.

AT McMECHEN, WEST VIRGINIA.

Chief of Police JOHN FILBEN stated that he does not know Groves personally but knows of his previous activities in this vicinity and that he is related to an associated with numerous persons in McMechen, a borough contiguous to Benwood. Mr. Filben furnished the address of the various individuals interviewed at McMechen and upon being requested to name an individual living in the vicinity of the residence of MRS. RAYMOND SCANLAN in whom confidence could be placed, suggested CLARK SHAFER, an employee in the office of the Hitchman Coal Company at McMechen.

Mr. Shafer, whose residence is at 24 Sixteenth Street, McMechen, advised that he is acquainted with the Scanlans but not with BENSON GROVES, although he knew him by reputation. Mr. Shafer stated that he and his wife would observe visitors at the Scanlan home and note their descriptions and license numbers of the automobiles bearing foreign plates stopping there. Mr. Shafer was furnished the address and telephone number of the Pittsburgh Field Division with the request that he immediately notify that office if a person answering the description of Groves was observed by them.

LOUIS GOEGELEIN, 706 Grant Street, McMechen, related that he is a brother of LEONARD GOEGELEIN, a former associate of Groves, but, following his brother's death in Bucyrus, Ohio, in 1919, Groves has not visited or communicated with him. Mr. Goegelein averred that Groves was not intimately associated with any member of his family other than Leonard and was not liked by them as they felt LEONARD GOEGELEIN'S association with Groves was the cause of his being imprisoned and later blinded. In view of the fact that Groves is aware of this feeling, Mr. Goegelein does not believe that he will communicate with them or allow them to know his address. No information could be elicited from Mr. Goegelein concerning Groves' associates other than the Mahoods, or places where Groves has recently resided, although Goegelein did not appear reluctant to tell what he knew. It appears that the Groves, other than Benson, were respected people and for that reason, Goegelein does not think he will contact persons in Benwood, knowing that his apprehension is desired.

GEORGE GOEGELEIN, Grant Street, McMechen, related that in his opinion, BENSON GROVES has not been in Benwood for eight or ten years and that on the occasion of his last visit, Groves stayed at the home of MONT BONER, Benwood, and frequented a saloon formerly operated by Boner in which the gang with which Groves associated made their headquarters. It is Mr. Goegelein's belief that MONT BONER is the person whom Groves would most likely visit if he returned to Benwood and that Boner may have information concerning his present whereabouts or activities. George Goegelein, who is a nephew of LEONARD GOEGELEIN, named persons previously discussed as friends of Groves and, in addition, stated that Groves sold some stogies, part of the loot from an interstate shipment theft, reflected in the reference report of the writer, to CHERSEY OSER and JACK BURSEE. Bursee and Oser were said to have sold these, in turn, to FRED NIEBERGALL, a former butcher in Benwood and friend of Groves. Due to his receiving goods stolen by Groves and others, Mr. Goegelein believes it is probable that Groves may hide at a small farm on which Niebergall lives near Limestone and Sherrard, West Virginia. With reference to the character of this place, Mr. Goegelein stated that it is a favorite retreat of persons in this vicinity, whose names he could not definitely state, for the purpose of hunting and drinking. Goegelein believes this would be an ideal hideout. However, he has no facts or other information that the farm is in fact a hideout other than his belief that it is a remote and suitable location.

BURNS GOEGELEIN, a brother of George, residing at 719 Lincoln Street, McMechen, informed that he last saw Groves at Boner's saloon somewhat more than five years ago. He could not set the date definitely but believes it to have been prior to his conviction in New Jersey. Goegelein says that there have been numerous rumors concerning Groves, most of these being that he is dead or confined in an institution. He also stated that it was believed Groves was confined in the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. BURNS GOEGELEIN stated that he believed MONT BONER to be the most likely associate of Groves in Benwood, as all of the old gang of safe-flowers, with the exception of Groves, are now dead and Boner was the contact for this gang in the old days. According to Burns, MYRTLE GOEGELEIN, the widow of LEONARD GOEGELEIN, is now residing on Wheeling Island, Wheeling, West Virginia. However, she could not be located at the date of the writing of this report.

E. V. MIX, an employee of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, with offices at 1138 Market Street, Wheeling, residing at 1022 Garfield Street, McMechen, stated that he is the husband of the daughter of LEONARD GOEGELEIN. Although not personally acquainted with Groves, Mix informed that he has heard a great deal concerning him, none of which indicated that Groves has been in Benwood or the vicinity for ten or more years. Mix stated that Groves does not "mix" with the Goegeleins now and has not since the death of his father-in-law. Mix could not state if there existed the belief that Groves may have been responsible for the injury and subsequent death of Goegelein. He stated that no information had come to his wife's attention with respect to the recent activities of BENSON GROVES and he feels that Groves will not make any effort to contact or visit this family. Mr. Mix suggested CLARK SPROUT, Benwood, as the most probable contact of Groves.

WILLIAM OSER, known as WILLIE OSER, 419 Lincoln Avenue, McMechen, related that he has not seen BENSON GROVES since 1912 and then at the Mayflower Club situated in the Shad Building, Benwood. Oser stated that this club was in effect a saloon operated by MONTE BONER and organized because of the nature of the liquor laws at the time. The club is no longer in existence. Among its members were MONT BONER, BENSON GROVES, LOUIS GOKKY, deceased, and ALBERT KETZEL, Sistersville, or Paden City, West Virginia, and JOE OSER alias "CHESKEY". Oser could not furnish any information of value or the address of his brother other than that he was a structural iron worker, a rivet heater, and formerly lived on River Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Oser is of the opinion that Boner would be the most likely person to have information concerning Groves.

CHARLES OSER, a son of FRED OSER, now operating a saloon on Marshall Street, McMechen, stated that he did not know Groves or have any information concerning him, as Groves left this community while he was a boy. Oser averred that he has not seen or heard of Groves for years and could not suggest anyone who may have such information. It is CHARLES OSER'S

opinion that JOE OSER, who is said to be crippled, is now peddling shoestrings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It may be noted that CHARLES OSER is 29 years old.

BOB BURSEE, 1012 Logan Street, McMechen, stated that he has not seen Groves since 1911 and then at Boner's saloon. Following his departure from Benwood at that time Bursee advised that he heard Groves was driving a taxi in Detroit, Michigan. Bursee set the date of this as about five or ten years ago. Although Bursee had a wide knowledge of Groves' activities in and around Benwood, he could furnish no information not already secured.

EMIL BURSEE, a son of BOB BURSEE, related that the last occasion on which they heard of Groves was upon his conviction in 1931 at which time a news article appeared in the Wheeling Intelligencer.

AT WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

It was ascertained at the Police Department that former Sheriff HOWARD E. HASTINGS of Ohio County, Wheeling, was dead and PHILIP BAUCHMAN, HARRIS JOHNSON and ALFRED CLATOR, all Wheeling, were the only surviving deputies.

PHILIP BAUCHMAN, 52 22nd Street, Wheeling, no Municipal Market Master, advised that he knew nothing concerning Groves or his activities other than his being confined in the county jail during his term as a deputy sheriff. It is noted that Bauchman is very old and almost unable to speak through disability.

HARRIS JOHNSON, 2344 Wilson Street, Wheeling, employed at the Stratford Springs Bottling Works, Woodsdale, West Virginia, informed that he was office deputy sheriff during Sheriff Hastings' term and did not engage in criminal investigations. Therefore, he could not furnish any information of value. Mr. Johnson stated that himself, Bauchman and Clator were the only deputies he knew to be now living and suggested that ALFRED CLATOR is the best informed concerning Benwood. Johnson did not recall any correspondence between the Sheriff and other officers or institutions with respect to Groves or the identities of persons making inquiries concerning BENSON GROVES.

ALFRED CLATOR, 67 16th Street, Wheeling, now employed as a watchman by the Wheeling Steel Corporation, stated that during his incumbency as a deputy, Groves, DAY-DAY MAHOOD and LEONARD GOEGELIN were arrested and charged with the theft of stogies from a box car and at the trial, Groves assumed responsibility for the crime and received a substantial

sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia, Goegelien and Mahood thereafter being each sentenced to a brief period in the county jail. In this connection Clator stated that Sheriff Hastings was politically active and willing to favor those with whom he came in contact and therefore communicated with the United States Penitentiary to secure information about Groves to transmit to persons inquiring about him.

In addition to the associates previously mentioned, Clator stated that CLYDE HOLLEY and "POP" or "CAP" SHIPMAN, Benwood, now deceased, the Finnegan brothers, Bellaire, Ohio, deceased, and one HARRY STONE, whose true name is believed to be HARRY WOOLA (phonetic spelling) now confined in the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, were in the same gang as Groves. Stone is a "soup" man and was confined in the penitentiary long ago and may be dead or released. Clator also recalled that Groves ran with a "JERSEY BLACKIE" and one Kennedy but could not recall any further information pertaining to the identity of Kennedy, "JERSEY BLACKIE", HARRY STONE, or the place of conviction, except that one of these individuals was reported killed in a fight in the Ohio State Penitentiary. Clator believes that JOHN MEYERS is deceased and that the various persons set forth as deceased herein, are actually dead.

Mr. Clator stated that LUKE GARVEY, former Chief of Police, at Benwood, and later a Prohibition Agent, is friendly with Groves and his gang and would therefore not be a reliable informant. Clator also believes that MONT BONER, CLARK SPROUT, ANNA J. EVERETT and the majority of the old residents of Benwood, being friends of Groves, would be inclined to protect him and would not furnish any information to his detriment.

Clator stated that Groves departed from Benwood about ten years ago and at that time Groves advised him that he was going to Canton, Ohio, and no information has subsequently come to his attention with reference to Groves' whereabouts. Clator suggested W. E. CLAYTON, now a Justice of the Peace at Moundsville, West Virginia, as a possible source of information.

AT MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA.

SAM MAHOOD, Deputy Sheriff, and a nephew of EVERETT MAHOOD, Groves' former associate, stated that he made inquiry since he last interviewed the writer but failed to obtain any facts of value concerning BENSON GROVES. Mahood at this time suggested that MONT BONER, 22 Sixth Street, Benwood, ran a saloon which was the hangout of the gang, stating that this gang, when in Benwood, resided at his place, a large house constructed as a hotel or rooming house and frequently met there after pulling jobs. The gang, to the best of his knowledge, never pulled any crimes in Benwood, using this borough as a hiding place. Mr. Mahood suggested FRED FRAZIER, former Chief of Police at Wheeling, West Virginia, as a possible source of information.

In connection with Groves, Mahood stated that he is watching for Groves and would cause his apprehension if he appeared in Benwood. Mahood appears to be sincere in view of the close connection between his family and that of Groves. Mahood also bears the general reputation in Marshall County of trying to live down the acts and reputations of his family and is said to be trustworthy. However, ALBERT C. MEGALE and HOWARD MILLARD, Chief and Sergeant of Police, respectively, of Wheeling, place no confidence in Mahood and feel that he will not assist in Groves' apprehension, although he would not take any active steps toward concealing him.

W. E. CLAYTON, Justice of the Peace, Moundsville, advised that he was Sheriff of Marshall County, the county in which Benwood is situated, in 1916 and at the time Groves Goegelein and Mahood were arrested for theft from interstate shipment. Clayton named as associates of Groves the individuals previously mentioned, stating that he arrested "CHEESEY" OSER about twenty years ago for burglary and the theft of a car at St. Clairsville, Ohio, and while confined in the county jail, Oser escaped and has never been apprehended. Subsequently Oser became a structural iron worker until crippled in a fall. Clayton believes Oser to be now married and residing in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Clayton stated that JACK BURSIE, now residing in Benwood, was an active member of Groves' gang, and was shot at Benwood while escaping from the scene of a crime. Mr. Clayton knows Groves personally as well as all his relatives and associates and believes that he would be informed if Groves appeared in this vicinity. It is his belief that Groves has not been in Benwood for more than ten years as the place "became too hot for him".

AT BELLAIRE, OHIO.

In view of the fact that MONT BONER stated that FRED HEPE was the only individual with whom Groves corresponded, Agent interviewed MRS. FRED HEPE without disclosing his identity.

MRS. FRED HEPE, 36th Street, near the Ohio River, Bellaire, advised that her husband departed on Monday, February 1, 1937, to their cottage on the Muskingum River at Roxbury, Ohio, to determine what damage had been done by the recent flood. Mrs. Hepe described this place as being two miles below Stockport, Ohio, on the road to Beverly, Ohio, and about half way between Marietta and Zanesville, Ohio. As to physical

description, Mrs. Hepe stated that the place was of eight acres, there being a large white house on a hill and a small cottage on the banks of the river. Mrs. Hepe displayed a letter received from her husband on which the postmark thereon was Roxbury.

Mrs. Hepe exhibited no curiosity concerning the reason for the Agent's inquiries and spoke freely concerning the location of this place and explained in detail how to get to the cottage prior to being so requested by Agent.

SERGEANT JOHN BARTRAM, Bellaire Police Department, stated that Groves was known in Bellaire. Bartram stated that one CHARLIE FEELY, a one-legged man, janitor at the Ramona Night Club, Bellaire, was acquainted with the Groves and other hoodlums and could be relied upon for information. In this connection it is noted that the Ramona Club is a hoodlum's hangout, frequented by pimps and has appeared in White Slave cases in this district. Feely could not be located at the time of the Agent's visit.

AT WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA.

Upon discussing the probability of Groves being in Wheeling, West Virginia, with Chief of Police ALBERT C. MEGALE, SERGEANT HOWARD MILLARD stated that upon receipt of the Post Office Department's circular describing BENSON GROVES, he contacted one WILLIAM SAMUELS alias "GOATY", a reliable informant indebted to Millard. Samuels discussed Groves with REED GROVES, while the latter was intoxicated, and was informed that Groves was in McKeefrey, West Virginia.

Accompanied by Sergeant Millard, WILLIAM SAMUELS was interviewed at his home on 4128 Water Street, Wheeling. At this time Samuels stated that he frequently employed REED GROVES to assist him in house wrecking and about a month or six weeks ago, he and REED GROVES got drunk together. On this occasion, Reed began talking about "SOUP" stating that if he would come back to Wheeling he "would be sitting on top of the world and would not have to worry about work or money". Reed also said that Groves visited relatives in Canton and upon noticing that their furniture was shabby, called a used furniture dealer, while this family was away, sold the old furniture and completely refurnished the house, as a surprise. Samuels could not recall distinctly where Groves was said to be, other than it was "some coal mining town towards New Martinsville". Upon being refreshed by Millard, Samuels agreed that the town was McKeefrey.

Accompanied by Chief Megale and Millard, the writer proceeded to McKeefrey where it was determined that the mine, the only industry in this isolated community, had been shut down since last September. MR. M. McDONALD, Postmaster, stated that there were now less than twentyfive families living on this property, all of whom were old residents and employed in adjoining communities. A photograph of Groves was exhibited to McDonald, who stated that the person therein pictured appeared familiar to him but he could not state where he had seen him. He was positive, however, that Groves is not now, and has not recently been in McKeefrey, West Virginia. A. E. SWEGARD, Mine Watchman, McKeefrey, also stated that Groves appeared familiar to him and was also positive that Groves had not recently been at McKeefrey.

Inquiry was made of IDA M. KAY, Postmaster, Captina, West Virginia, a neighboring village, who stated that she had not observed Groves there or in Cresaps, West Virginia. Mrs. Kay suggested JOHN GRAHAM as a reliable person at Cresaps. This is the nearest town to McKeefrey and, like McKeefrey, is a coal camp with one mine.

Mr. Graham stated that he had not observed any individual resembling the photograph of Groves exhibited to him, in Cresaps, and that all the persons residing at that place and their visitors are known to him.

A further inquiry was not conducted at these coal camps pending the receipt of further information from GOATY SAMUELS. Subsequently arrangements were made with Samuels to get REED GROVES intoxicated and attempt to again get him to discuss BENSON GROVES. In this connection Samuels stated that he is about to tear down an old packing house and would employ REED GROVES to assist him. He believes that at this time he can follow the above procedure without arousing suspicion. If pertinent information is secured, he will advise Millard who, in turn, will transmit it to the Pittsburgh Field Division.

It may be noted that Deputy Sheriff SAM MAHOOD was requested to furnish the names of Groves' relatives and failed to include REED and RAY GROVES, said to be nephews by GOATY SAMUELS. REED GROVES, according to Millard, resides on 5936 Jacobs Street, Wheeling. Samuels believes RAY GROVES is operating a "dinky" engine in one of the steel mills at Steubenville, Ohio.

No effort was made to interview REED GROVES, as it is thought advisable to secure all possible information through Samuels before open inquiry is made.

With respect to JOHN MEYERS, mentioned in the reference letter dated January 6, 1937, several individuals interviewed, stated he was dead. However, he is unknown to the majority of the persons of whom inquiry was made.

It may be noted that in all cases where possible entry was made into the homes of the reputed friends and relatives of Groves through different doors than the exit allowing Agent to observe the persons therein.. In some instances, due to flood conditions, access to upper floors were had, all without result.

Some interest was caused in Benwood through a "Gang-Busters" radio program about three weeks prior to February 4, 1937, in which the Chief of Police of Cleveland, Ohio, stated that BENSON GROVES was now "Public Enemy No. 1".

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION at CANTON, OHIO, will discreetly ascertain which of BENSON GROVES' relatives residing in that vicinity have new furniture, as such may indicate the person with whom Groves has been living, if the statements made by REED GROVES to GOATY SAMUELS, at Wheeling, West Virginia, are true.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION at COLUMBUS, OHIO, will ascertain the identity of "JERSEY BLACKIE" at the Ohio State Penitentiary. Will also learn if HARRY STONE alias HARRY WOOLA (phonetic spelling) is incarcerated therein. If either of these individuals are now confined in that institution, will question them with respect to Groves.

At STEUBENVILLE, OHIO, if it is ascertained that Groves is not in direct contact with him, will locate and interview RAY GROVES, said to be a nephew of BENSON GROVES. RAY GROVES is said to be operating a "dinky" engine for a steel company at Steubenville.

At ROXBURY, OHIO, will learn if BENSON GROVES, or his present associates are at the cottage and house of FRED HEPE situated on the Muskingum River. If FRED HEPE is presently at this place, will interview him concerning Groves' activities. It may be noted that Hepe is said to be the only person at Benwood, West Virginia, with whom Groves corresponded.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION at BENWOOD, W. VA., will interview JACK BURSEE, as herein set forth. Bursee lives on Main Street across from the Blue Ribbon Hall. Will secure such information as JOHN LUCKY, 1527 Marshall Street, has obtained from Young Pennybaker relative to BENSON GROVES.

At McMECHEN, W. VA., will ascertain if WILLIAM OSER has secured the address of his brother, CHEESKY JOE OSER. Will ascertain if CLARK SHAFER, 24 Sixteenth Street, McMechen, or his wife, have noted any foreign license plates or observed any individuals resembling Groves visiting MRS. RAYMOND SCANLAN.

At WHEELING, W. VA., will keep in contact with ALBERT MEGALE and HOWARD MILLARD, Police Department, with reference to such information as they may have obtained from GOATY SAMUELS. Will interview GOATY SAMUELS, 4128 Water Street, Wheeling, as set forth in this report. Will locate and interview MYRTLE GOEGELEIN, the widow of LEONARD GOEGELEIN.

At WARWOOD, W. VA., will interview FRED FRAZIER, former Chief of Police, Wheeling, 1001 Warwood Avenue, concerning BENSON GROVES and his associates.

At BELLAIRE, OHIO, will contact CHARLIE FEELY, Ramona Night Club, with reference to BENSON GROVES. This may best be done about 2:00 A.M., according to Sergeant Bartram, Bellaire Police Department.

At MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA., will again discuss BENSON GROVES' relatives with Deputy Sheriff Mahood and endeavor to secure a complete list.

At PARKERSBURG, W. VA., will interview ERNEST CHAPMAN, Captain, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Police, with respect to such knowledge as he may have concerning BENSON GROVES. Will interview LUKE GARVEY, Chancellor Hotel, Parkersburg, as set forth in this report.

At SHERRARD or LIMESTONE, W. VA., will ascertain if Groves is at the farm of JOHN NIEBERGALL and if Groves is not in contact with him will interview him concerning the associates and activities of Groves.

At SISTERSVILLE or PADEN CITY, W. VA., will locate and interview ALBERT KETZEL.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

FEBRUARY 11, 1937

Transmit the following message to: SAC,
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GARRETTVILLE MAIL ROBBERY CASE.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-82**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 2/10/37	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/29; 2/6/37	REPORT MADE BY V. E. CRISS VEC/ehc
TITLE GEORGE TIMINEX; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1232; et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record of a **MANARD FAUBLE**, a stock broker, could be located at the Chicago Stock Exchange, Chicago Grain Market, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Illinois, and city and telephone directories for city of Chicago and vicinity.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Bureau dated January 16, 1937.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois.

The reference letter quotes an anonymous letter received by the Bureau to the effect, "If you want to find some of the money of the Carpus & Dillinger gang I suggest that you check up on activity of Manard Fauble a stockbroker in Chicago who has bought several farms in Fulton Co. O."

A check of the last Chicago directory, telephone directories of Chicago and adjoining cities, a check at the Chicago Stock Exchange, where all stock brokers, firms, and members are listed, and at the Office of the Secretary of State, where

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. M. Ladd</i> <i>asg</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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all stock brokerage firms, members, and stock solicitors are licensed, as well as the Chicago Grain Market, did not disclose the name of a MANARD FAUBLE.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION

Will, at the county seat of Fulton County, Ohio, ascertain whether MANARD FAUBLE owns property in the said county and, if so, ascertain his address and check upon, or set out a lead to check, his activities to ascertain if he was or is connected with or acting for the Dillinger and Karpis gangs.

PENDING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building
Cleveland, Ohio

February 9, 1937.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated November 13, 1936 (7-576), transmitting to this Division the original registration cards numbers 863 and 870 of the Hotel Danmor, Atlantic City, New Jersey, reflecting the registrations on January 18, 1935 of Mrs. A. V. Graham and sister, of Macon, Georgia, and R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron of Rock Harbor, Florida, respectively, with a request that the registration cards be returned to the Bureau several days prior to February 15, 1937, for use at the trial of Joe Adams and Henry (Duke) Randall at Miami, Florida.

In view of the recent continuance of this trial, please advise whether it will be necessary for this Division to forward to the Bureau the registration cards at this time.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MacFarland
J. P. MAC FARLAND,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago
Bureau

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February 15, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Cleveland, Ohio.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O.
#1232; et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER -
VICTIM - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 9, 1937, in which you request information as to whether it will be necessary to forward to the Bureau registration cards 868 and 870 of the Hotel Danmor, Atlantic City, New Jersey, reflecting the registrations on January 18, 1935 of Mrs. A. V. Graham and sister of Macon, Georgia, and R. S. Carson and G. C. Cameron of Rock Harbor, Florida.

As the trial of Joe Adams and Henry (Duke) Randall has been continued until June 7, 1937, it will not be necessary for you to forward these cards to the Bureau until the latter part of May, 1937.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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751 Rust Building
Tacoma, Washington

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

January 27, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Re: Brekid

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter of January 20, 1937, and in connection with investigation to be covered at Hot Springs, Arkansas, the following is suggested.

It is believed that we should follow closely the results of state prosecution for murder as against the officers responsible as charged for the death of John Dickson, that is, Cooper, Moore, Brock, Buchanan, Griffin and Irwin, in order that at an early date should any of these officers receive what they believe to be an unfair deal, they will make willing informants for us. These officers should be in position to give us definite information as to graft and protection, particularly as against such persons as Mayor McLaughlin and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers, and particularly as to the latter having contact with "shake-downs" by confidence men. We should also follow closely activity of the legislative investigative committee as to results they obtain and information they may uncover as well as any indications of efforts to throttle their activity. Also efforts of collusion to suppress information should be watched closely. This investigation, of course, should be made in the same under-cover, confidential manner as previously pursued, and at the time this legislative committee is active we should be very careful as to telephone taps established to guard against their possible detection.

As to telephone taps to be established, it is believed that we should establish telephone taps in the following order consistent with the possibilities of locating a place where a successful tap could be established.

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These should be established from time to time and efforts should not be to establish all of these at one time due to the possibility of detection.

1. The home telephone of William S. Jacobs
2. The home telephone of Herbert Akers
3. The home telephone of Mayor Leo P. McLaughlin
4. Belvedere Club
5. Southern Club
- 6 and 7. The two houses of prostitution reputedly owned and operated by Leo P. McLaughlin
8. Home phone of Judge Ledgerwood
9. Home phone of "Sonny" Davis
10. Home phone of Houston Emory

In establishing these telephone taps, Special Agent D. P. Sullivan should be assigned to determine where a plant can be located as well as to taps to be established. The mechanical operation of installation and possibility of taps should be left to Agent Jones, the latter agent, of course, not being left to determine the best place these telephone taps should be located as it is believed Agent Sullivan, being familiar with all of the investigative possibilities of the case, is in better position to determine what should be done as to location of any particular plant.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Connelley
Inspector

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cc Bureau
Cleveland
Cincinnati

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1937.

MEMORANDUM

On January 25, 1937, a threatening letter was posted at St. Paul, Minnesota, and was received the same day by Edward George Bremer, President of the Commercial State Bank, St. Paul, Minnesota, to whom the letter had been addressed. This letter demanded the sum of \$10,000 under threat of personal injury. The letter instructed that Mr. Bremer carry this amount on his person and that he would be contacted on the street, at which time he was to turn the money over to a person who would identify himself by presenting an envelope marked "Hello Ed." This letter was referred to the St. Paul Field Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Edward George Bremer was the victim of the kidnapping on January 17, 1934 at St. Paul, Minnesota, which crime was perpetrated by Alvin Karpis and his associates, all of whom are either deceased or incarcerated in penal institutions serving long-term sentences for their part in this kidnapping. At the time Mr. Bremer was kidnapped, he was held captive for twenty-one days, being held in a house at Bensenville, Illinois, and was released only upon the payment of a \$200,000 ransom.

On January 28, 1937, Fred Eiden was apprehended by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota, and admitted writing the threatening letter which was posted January 25, 1937. A complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 29, 1937, charging Eiden with extortion.

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Dear Sir:

Very truly yours,

D. DILLO
Special Agent in Charge

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SUPPLEMENTARY LIST SHOWING SERIAL NUMBERS OF THOMPSON
MACHINE GUNS WHICH APPEAR ON ORIGINAL LIST, UNDER THE HEADINGS
"FILLED OR SHIPPED FROM NEW YORK OFFICE."

Abercrombie & Fitch Madison Av. & 45th St. N.Y. City	8/15/21	1	2148
J. Ottman 105 West 72nd St. N.Y. City	8/12/21	1	1717
A. Lopez Ulloa 233 Broadway, N.Y.C.	8/13/21	2	
" " "	8/9/21	2	
Abercrombie & Fitch Madison Av. & 45th St. N.Y.C.	8/11/21	2	
H.C. Spritsma 325 Amsterdam Ave. N.Y.C.	4/19/21	1	93
John J. Murphy 738 Greenwich St. N.Y.C.	5/18/21	1	168
Pedro Roafael Rincones Consul Gen. of Venezuela 80 So. 2d St. N.Y.C.	5/24/21	1	487
H.D. Folsom Arms Co. 341 Broadway, N.Y.C.	1/20/22	1	
Francis Bannerman & Sons 501 Broadway, N.Y.C.	1/23/22	2	1440 1450
Sorsenson & Nielsen 161 Maiden Lane, N.Y.C.	1/30/22	3	1392 1383 1416
The Oliver American Trading Co. 61 Broadway, N.Y.C.	3/21/22	2	1471 1527
A. Lopez Ulloa 233 Broadway, N.Y.C.	10/6/21	2	
John D. Williams Export Corp. 2 Rector St., N.Y.C.	8/31/21	1	
Jose Falcon, N.Y.C.	11/14/21	1	1215
B.H. Comstock Hotel Lorraine, N.Y.C.	11/23/21	1	Not delivered
Manuel Caragel & Son Inc. 427 Water St., N.Y.C.	12/10/21	1	1707
China & Japan Trading Co. Ltd. 110 William St. N.Y.C.	12/6/22	1	1364
" " "	5/19/22	1	1459
Cohen & Co. 103 Front St. N.Y.C.	6/9/22	2	1008 1276 2508
A. Lopez Ulloa 233 Broadway	6/17/22	1	

NO PREVIOUS RECORD AS LISTED S. P. L.
Ship these indicated as in...

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Parker C. Jones, N.Y.C. 6/19/22	2	2060 2311
Anitna Y Charola 18 Warren St., N.Y.C. 6/26/22	1	1694
Francis Banuerman & Sons 501 Broadway, N.Y.C. 7/5/22	2	1566 2236
A. Lopez Ulloa, N.Y.C. 7/6/22	1	Consignement gun was returned
Dr. S.T. Lee Hotel Pennsylvania, N.Y.C. 8/11/22	1	1297
Schoverling, Daly & Gales, 302 Broadway, N.Y.C. 4/4/22	2	
" " " 4/6/22	1	
H & D. Folsom Arms Co. 314 Broadway, N.Y.C. 4/16/22	1	
Col. W.T. Starr c/o Morgan, Livermore & Co. 71 Broadway, N.Y.C. 9/15/22	1	1373
Jose Falcon 12 Spruce St. N.Y.C. 9/19/22	1	2205
J. Smithers 5 Columbus Circle, Rm. 110 N.Y.C. 10/10/22	2	395 1150
Sloans Military Shop 88 Chambers St. N.Y.C. 10/11/22	1	184 returned
27 Bull, Apt. 1-D 603 West 139th St. N.Y.C. 12/23/22	1	1542
Capt. J.H. Portugal, 120 Broadway, N.Y.C. Delivered to: Fiala Outfits Inc. 25 Warren St. N.Y.C. 2/17/23	2	438 184
L.C. Gilispie & Sons 8 Fletcher St. N.Y.C. 4/23/23	1	539
Schoverling, Daly & Gales 302 Broadway, N.Y.C. 12/3/23	1	2530
Biddle Purchasing Co. 107 Chambers St. N.Y.C. 12/9/24	2	2403 2767
Abercrombie & Fitch Co. N.Y.C. 1/9/25	1	2441 7-576-1367
H & D Folsom Arms Co. N.Y.C. 1/22/25	4	2368 2348 3056 2762
Abercrombie & Fitch Co. N.Y.C. 1/26/25	1	2542
Sloan's Sporting Goods Co. 88 Chambers St. N.Y.C. 9/7/26	2	4732 4238 returned

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Auto Trading Co 265 West 23rd St. N.Y.C. 9/7/26	12	3177 3231 4718 4105 4209 4210 4629 4762 5041 5185 5076 5222
American Armor Corp. 33 W. 34th St. N.Y.C. 11/22/26	1	4553 returned
H & D Folsom Arms Co. 314 Broadway, N.Y.C. 4/30/28 Sold to E. E. Domina N.Y.C. later	1	4503
H & D Folsom Arms Co N.Y.C. 1/26/28	1	4726
Mr. Bragdon, State Mgr. Donx Opera House 149 St. & 3rd Ave, N.Y.C. 3/5/28	1	4715
J.L. Golef 75 Chambers St. N.Y.C. 3/25/27	1	4288
Dalkowitz Bros 245 W. 51st St. N.Y.C. 6/2/27	3	2784 4235 3779
J.L. Galef, N.Y.C. 9/26/27	2	3860 4092
H & D. Folsom Arms Co. N.Y.C. Sold to Domina later 9/26/27	1	4977
E.E. Domina, N.Y.C. 11/16/27	1	4977
" " " 11/17/27	1	4503
" " " 11/18/27	1	4992
X Moe Saraga 1204 Bra'Way, N.Y.C. 1/6/26	10	3532 3545 2879 3210 3767 3908 3593 3320 1768 1422
L.C. Gillespie & Sons 8 Fletcher St. N.Y.C. 8/21/23	2	2246 1586
Schmelzer Arms Co. Kansas City, Mo. 3/22/21	1	
Richards & Conover Hdw. Co. Kansas City, Mo 8/1/21	1	2107
Col. Jackson Arnold Dept. Public Safety Charleston, W. Va. 5/19/21	3	2079 2127 2196 2579 2667
C.C. Morfit, Sec. Tug River Coal Operators Ass'n. Welch, W. Va. 5/26/21	1	161
Emmons-Hawkins Hde. Co. Huntington, W. Va. 8/25/21	3	7-576-15679
X R.L. Dinely Gen. Service Corps. 1214 Hewes Bldg. San Francisco, Calif. 10/10/21	2	
Geo. H. Nowell 326 So. Ardmore Ave. Los Angeles, Calif. 8/2/21		

Richard Dinely, Gen Serv. Corps San Francisco, Calif. 8/9/21	1	2105
Ellery Arms Co. San Francisco, Calif. 8/10/21	2	1716 2118
The Rosen-Margolies Co. 34 No. Fifth St. Philadelphia, Pa. 6/19/24	1	2284
Philadelphia Commercial Museum Philadelphia, Pa. 12/31/23	1	787
W.S. Brown 523 Wood St. Pittsburgh, Pa. 7/20/22	3	016443
Adj. Gen. State of Pa. Harrisburg, Pa. 10/24/21	2	
W.S. Brown Pittsburgh, Pa. 8/14/21	4	1729 1791 1250
Baldwin Locomotive Works Phil. Pa. Deliver to: 11/23/21 J.P. McNaughton 120 Broadway, N.Y.C.	2	1579 1588
Pa. State Police Harrisburgh, Pa. 10/24/21	10	1606 1643 2207 1252 1352 1449 2237 2247 2251 2300
Pa. State Police Harrisburgh, Pa. 10/24/21	11	202 179

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SUPPLEMENTARY LIST SHOWING PURCHASERS OF
THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS WHICH APPEAR ON ORIGINAL LIST AS "SHIPPED"
TO AUTO-ORDNANCE CORPORATION, NEW YORK CITY

GUN NUMBERS	PURCHASERS
161 *	
165 **	Ohio list
168 *	
176	A. Lopez Ulloa, New York City
177	Radford, Haiti
1427	No record
46	G. G. Horke, Washington, D. C.
50	"
51	"
93 *	
56	M. E. Roy, Mexico D. F. 8/16/21
66	W. D. Morgan, England 5/2/21
69	
1060	No record
1093	"
1096	"
1160	"
1193	"
1262 *	
1352 *	
1449 *	
1606 *	
1643 *	
1716 *	
1717 *	
1743	Colorado Prison 3/22/21
1952 **	Mass. list
2107 **	New York list 7/16/21 (See note in red)
2073 **	Texas list
2105 *	
2118 *	
2146 *	
2199 **	Texas list
2207 *	
2237 *	
2247 *	
2250 **	New York list 7/22/21 J. S. Cullinan "Shadyside" Houston,
2521	A. Lopez Ulloa, New York City
2664	
2740	No record
2775 *	
2845 *	
2855	No record
2941 **	New York list
2942	No record
3039	No record
3067	No record
2300 *	
3229	No record
3515	No record
49	See Clarke Invoice 2684 9/29/23
278	No record
426 **	New York list
471	No record
472	No record
405	No record
464 **	New Jersey list
487	Consul Venezuela 5/4/21
6083	Returned to Hartford
7483	General Carachus, Venezuela 4/25/24
1586 *	
1678	
1694 *	Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas
2236 *	
2311 *	

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1586 *
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1469 **
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2180 **
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1005 *
1876 *
2060 *
2178
2508 *
1941
2097
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2865 **
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857
1928

O. Payne, New York City
W.S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Returned to Hartford
W.S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Virginia list

Virginia list
No record
Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas

New York list
New York list
Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas
New York list
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New York list
Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas

W.S. Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Aktie Bologet, Sweden 2/29/22

Leim & Honstetter, Germany 5/18/23

Florida list
Leim & Honstetter, Germany 5/9/24

Col. Qunitin, Liège, Belgium 6/12/24

New York list
New York list
R.E. Garrigo, N.Y.C. 1/23/24

Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas
New York list
Geo. Murphy, Nassau, Bahamas

R.E. Garrigo, N.Y.C. 1/23/24

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Shipped to Col. H.F. Thompson, Mexico City for
demonstration, left with Sanchez, 6/7/24
Post office Dept. Washington, D.C.

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3177 *
4210 *
5222 *
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4298 *
4752 *
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5218 *
5766 *
5138 *
4954 *

Federal Reserve Bank of New York
Benny Spifo, Germany
Fed. Reserve Bank of N.Y.

9/19/35
7/7/26
9/19/35

No record

1229, 1029, 2003, 2111, 1532, 1247, 831, 1390, 1307, 1335, 220, 899, 2070
2143, 1321, 1266, 1363, 2554, 1733, 1805, 1099, 1102, 2169, 1590, 1457, 1817, 1276,
1320, 1312, 1585, 1448, 1236, 1501, 1324, 1304, 2534, 2273, 2163, 2216, 2252, 2170,
1430, 2202, 1946, 1976, 2464, 2301, 1557, 1420, 1718

Above guns sold to Dougall Moylan Co. San Francisco, Calif. 3/31/22

1907, 2153, 2398, 2321, 1644, 2172, 1251, 2375, 1265, 1844, 2171, 1343, 715, 687,
1905, 1869, 2592, 2130, 1085, 1826, 1765, 1648, 2027, 1958, 2516, 2135, 1399, 2290,
2260, 2323, 2039, 1162, 2203, 2131, 1495, 1909, 1715, 762, 1940, 2032, 1934, 1396,
2099, 2269, 2416, 2429, 1518, 1355, 1663, 2315

Above guns sold to M. Fitzgerald, N.Y.C.

9/7/23

1774, 2304, 1719, 223, 1906, 1624, 1984, 2186, 1123, 2148, 1974, 2104, 1431, 1971,
2357, 1369, 2223, 1705, 2122, 307, 1949, 2201, 2159, 1915, 2129, 1703, 2305, 1610,
2280, 1945, 2040, 1915, 1979, 2206, 2054, 1623, 2021, 1970, 1651, 813, 2088, 1455,
944, 1977, 2392, 1862, 1644, 2153, 1668, 1847

Above guns sold to M. Fitzgerald, N.Y.C.

9/9/23

2363, 2506, 2551, 2638, 2876, 2908, 2981, 3035, 3111, 4500, 1627, 2360, 2150,
2562, 2500, 2301, 2363, 2920, 2926, 2930, 375, 2533, 2599, 2306, 2624, 2694, 2702,
2730, 2810, 2901, 1899, 2546, 2501, 2576, 2757, 2822, 2869, 3029, 3038, 11537, 2274,
2400, 2567, 2557, 2744, 2861, 2892, 2910, 2949, 2993

Above guns sold to Von Seabeck, Germany 11/19/23

1227, 2219, 2612, 1494, 2094, 1331, 2519, 2332, 1239, 2633, 1292, 1197, 1664, 1625
1301, 1357, 1711, 1339, 1829, 1993, 1525, 2258, 2336, 1754, 1500, 2322, 1592, 1413,
2438, 1497, 1310, 1406, 1832, 1608, 1619, 1503, 1936, 1602, 1408, 1686, 1815, 1714,
1430, 1732, 1618, 1639, 1638, 1635, 1720, 1715, 1701, 1001, 1661, 1629, 1498, 1551,
1725, 1368, 1523, 1620, 1412, 1111, 1300, 1646, 1221, 1641, 1472, 1614, 1993, 1681,
1537, 1228, 1332, 1172, 1340, 1632, 1691, 1609, 2134, 1600, 1812, 1522, 1232, 1544, 120,
1499, 2201, 2287, 1316, 2316, 1435, 1755, 1755, 1755, 1755, 1162, 1463, 1693, 1441,
1537

Above guns sold to M. Fitzgerald, N.Y.C. 4/24/23

1526, 1960, 345, 2409, 2455, 2597, 2611, 2617, 2675, 2923, 332, 2306, 2396, 2143,
2536, 2567, 2578, 2680, 2704, 2354

Above guns sold to Dougall Moylan Co. San Francisco, Calif. 6/4/24

2454, 2486, 2491, 2593, 2892, 1670, 2298, 2387, 2522, 2890, 2653, 2793, 2803,
2809, 2849, 1558, 1617, 1671, 2565, 2862, 2906, 2531, 2650, 2708, 2912, 2325,
2527, 2566, 2628, 2659, 2622, 2794, 2862, 2577, 2955, 1942, 2496, 2712, 3025
2078, 2652, 2300, 2916, 2924, 2959, 2376, 2436, 2517, 2715, 2723

Above guns sold to Von Seabeck, Germany 11/19/23

4395, 3986, 4771, 3653, 4034, 4276, 4101, 5039, 4359, 4747, 4312, 444,
4432, 2875, 4194, 4644, 3022, 4020, 5187

Above guns sold to Dougall Moylan Co. San Francisco, Calif. 6/4/24

1367, 4358, 5342, 3396, 3654, 4212, 5044, 4170, 4811, 3095,
Above guns sold to: Dalkowitz Bros, N.Y.C. 6/20/27

3261, 1210, 3211, 3441, 4003
Above guns sold to: Dalkowitz Bros. N.Y.C. 6/27/27

3031, 2238, 2828, 2109, 2462, 2710, 3224, 2741, 3006, 3030, 2787, 3118, 2952,
2748, 2366
Above guns sold to R. Murphy, Philadelphia, Pa. 2/25/24

4948, 4620, 5265, 4777, 4344, 4258, 5104, 5095, 4070, 3687
Above guns sold to Mr. Thomas, N.Y.C. 6/3/27

5096, 4673, 4314, 5194, 4219
Above guns sold to E.J. Mattlitz, New Orleans, La. 11/19/27

4032, 5109, 5191, 4137, 3300, 3103, 5217, 4518, 3888, 5155, 3771, 5111, 3741, 3730,
5240, 3380, 5043, 4275, 3439, 4921, 5003, 5143, 1635, 5020, 4722, 5035, 4932, 5343,
3096, 5125, 4942, 1050, 2931, 183, 3425, 4536, 5127, 4958, 4598, 3340, 4193, 4460,
4119, 1396
Above guns sold to Dalkowitz Bros. N.Y.C. 6/18/27

5180, 5245, 5067, 4741, 4073, 4960, 4950, 5271, 4523, 1637, 4350, 4075, 5113,
2410, 5049, 5293, 5015, 4900, 4351, 5252, 5253, 4272, 4345, 5138, 4364
Above guns sold to Dalkowitz Bros. N.Y.C. 7/21/27

2082, 1331, 2151, 2304, 2530, 2257, 1792, 1301, 1565, 1530, 2277, 1393, 972, 2676,
1105, 2159, 1335, 1511, 2515, 1260, 701, 1338, 2434, 2113, 1249, 952, 1824, 2449,
1916, 814, 560, 2341, 2020, 1011, 1237, 2245, 2011, 1407, 2535, 1931, 2401, 1833,
1394, 1142, 1263, 1316, 1822, 2473, 1736, 1947, 1404, 363, 2474, 2560, 2336, 1319,
2443, 2319, 1555, 2432, 1261, 2607, 2320, 2350, 2620, 2452, 2793, 2643, 2600, 2383,
126, 2471, 2193, 2634, 2353, 2215, 2033, 2423, 1799, 2425, 1371, 2033, 2039, 2546,
2731, 885, 2740, 2687, 2504, 2440, 2241, 2033, 2293, 2340, 2772, 2093, 2174, 2644,
2435, 2538
Above guns sold to M. Fitzgerald, N.Y.C. 9/7/23

- * On supplementary list showing serial numbers of Thompson Submachine Guns which appear on original list under the heading "filled or shipped from New York office."
- ** On original lists of sales of Thompson Submachine Guns in various states.

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April 2, 1937.

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Special Agent in Charge,
New York, New York.

RE: GEORGE TIMINEX, DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN;
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1232, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM;
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

For your general information the Bureau has been advised that the Federal Laboratories, Incorporated of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, sold ten Thompson sub-machine guns to Moe Saraga, 1204 Broadway, New York City. The serial numbers of these guns are as follows:

3532
3145
2879
3210
3768

3908
3593
3320
1768
1422.

Very truly yours,

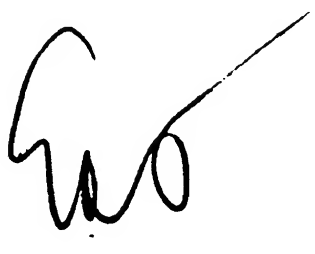
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

1300 Biscayne Building,
Miami, Florida,
February 10, 1937.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREKID

Reference is made to teletype from the Bureau to this division dated January 30, 1937, in which immediate investigation was instructed regarding the statement of T. R. Knight that the indictments pending against Duke Randall and Joseph H. Adams could have been dismissed for the sum of \$10,000.

You are advised that T. R. Knight was interviewed by Special Agent S. K. McKee on February 2, 1937, at which time he advised that he had made a complete written statement concerning this matter to Messrs. Carr and Waters, Special Assistants to the Attorney General at Miami, Florida, and that he did not care to make any additional statement for the reasons that he is a sick man and because he feels that any slight discrepancies between a new statement and the one he has already furnished, might be misunderstood. After this interview with Mr. Knight, the Bureau was requested telegraphically to secure a copy of the statement made by Knight to Messrs. Carr and Waters and to forward same to this division for use in this investigation.

Reference is made to telephonic conversation of February 5, 1937, between Mr. R. C. Suran of the Bureau and me in which Mr. Suran directed that no further investigation be conducted concerning this matter without prior Bureau instructions.

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers
R. L. Shivers

Special Agent in Charge.

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